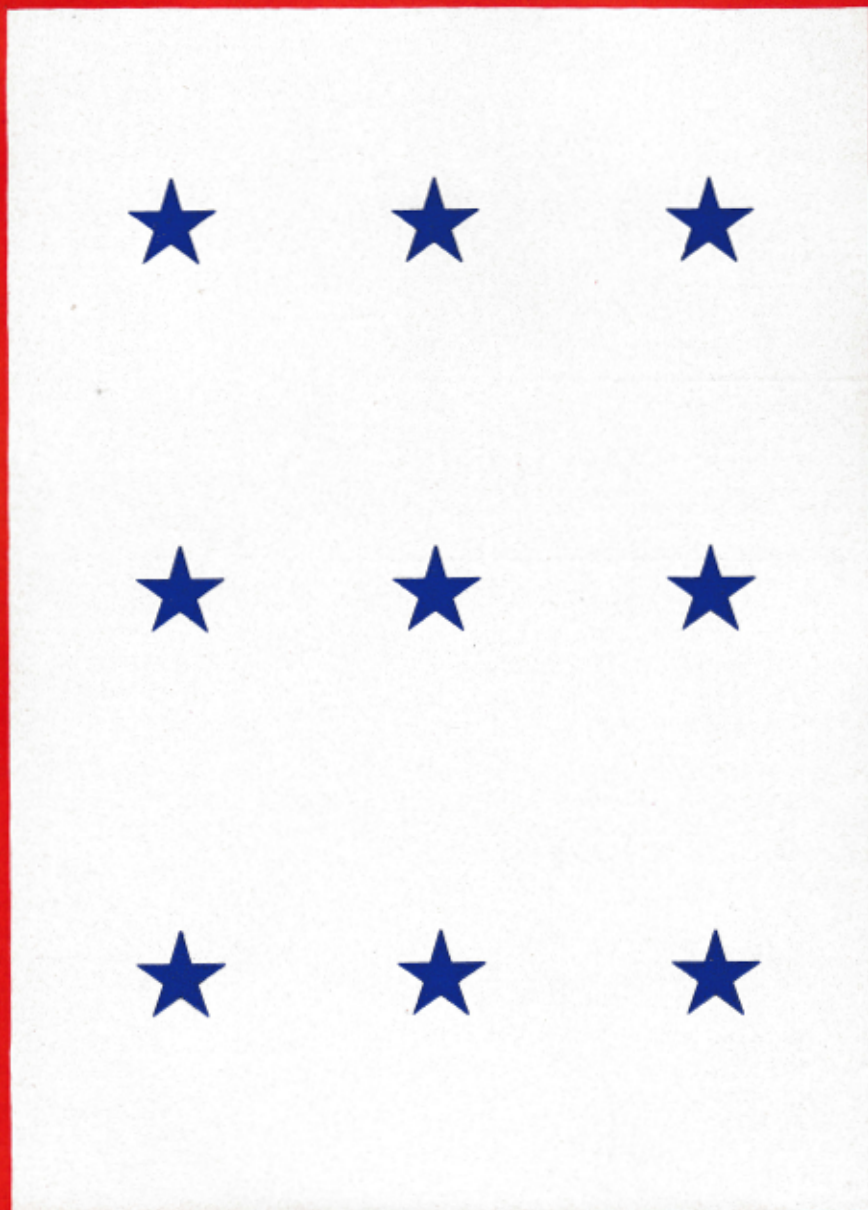


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STARS

IN THE SERVICE

APRIL, 1944

ST. FRANCIS' PRAYER

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AMONG the many famous saints of the ancient church is St. Francis of Assisi, who gave up wealth to humble himself that he might live a more Godly life and better serve his fellow man. His humility and piety have long been by-words and to him we owe the following beautiful petition.

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"Lord, make me an instrument of peace!

"Where there is hatred, let me sow love. Where there is injury, pardon. Where there is doubt, faith.

"Where there is darkness, light. Where there is despair, hope. Where there is sadness, joy.

"O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled, as to console; to be understood, as to understand; to be loved, as to love.

"For, it is in giving that we receive. It is in pardoning, that we are pardoned. It is in dying that we are born to Eternal Life." *Amen.*



"I WILL LIFT UP MINE EYES UNTO THE HILLS"

★ This is a picture of the altar used by the troops at Iron Mountain Camp, 276 miles out in the desert from Los Angeles, California. It was sent to Mrs. William Gieske of West Fairview Street by her son, **Pvt. William Gieske**, when he was stationed there. Seven hundred troops were at Iron Mountain at the time and worship services, both Protestant and Catholic, were held at the altar seen silhouetted against the mountain itself. "Billy" has been shipped across and has been gone about three weeks. He is in a field artillery outfit.

LAST TAPS

For all the saints, who from their labors rest,
Who Thee by faith before the world confessed,
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blessed,
Thou wast their Rock, their Fortress, and their might;
Thou, Lord, their Captain in the well-fought fight;
Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.
O, may Thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold,
Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,
And win with them the victor's crown of gold.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

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★ Memorial services were held March 6 for *T/Sgt. Carl Tomancek*, Marine, who was drowned "somewhere in the South Pacific" on January 3, the Rev. John Daniel officiating at the rite in St. John Slovak Lutheran church, of which Sgt. Tomancek was a member.

A gold star was placed on the service flag during the service by Lieut. Joseph Tomancek, AAF, brother of the dead Marine, it being the second gold star on St. John's banner. The first is for *Pfc. Martin Fainor*, who met an accidental death in the Panama Canal Zone.

The service was attended by Mrs. Anna Tomancek, of Hellertown, mother of Sgt. Tomancek, and others of his family. A profusion of flowers decorated the church, the choir sang, and Pastor Daniel spoke briefly.

A memorial scroll, gift of the church, and an American flag, gift of Edward H. Ackerman Post, American Legion, Hellertown, were presented to Mrs. Tomancek. The Post bugler sounded "Taps."

★ Last taps have been sounded for *S/Sgt. Albert L. Malok*, U. S. A.A.F., who died in a Jap prison camp last November and for *Frank Duh*, technician fourth class, who died in January in Hawaii. Previous mention of these two men, both members of the congregation of St. John's Windish Lutheran church has not been made in Stars and this opportunity is taken to pay tribute to their memory.

Memorial services were held for Sgt. Malok in St. John's church February 4 and for Technician Duh on February 12, Dr. E. A. Stiegler, pastor, officiating.

★ First member of the Merchant Marine to be mentioned in this column is *Austin Henry Simons*, S 2/c, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Simons, Carlton Avenue. Seaman Simons is presumed to have died when the vessel on which he served was torpedoed in mid-Atlantic February 7, 1943.

Sunday, March 5, in St. Peter's Lutheran church the Rev. Dr. Corson C. Snyder read the Lutheran memorial ritual for men who have lost their lives in the service of their country. Special prayers were said.

Mr. and Mrs. Simons were present and a basket of flowers in the chancel honored their son.

★ November 20 last, *Pfc. Christopher W. Trotter*, U.S.M.C. Reserves, lost his life in the action at Tarawa in the South Pacific. He died just one year after he entered the service. His wife, Catherine, residing at High and East Broad Streets, was informed of his death December 24.

Sunday, March 16, Pvt. Trotter was honored at a memorial vesper service in St. Peter's church, Pastor Snyder officiating. Over 100 members of Post 855, V.F.W. and its auxiliaries attended.

Mrs. Trotter and Mrs. Paul Ruyak, 320 Spring Street, Pvt. Trotter's mother, have received Purple Heart certificates denoting that he was wounded in action. The young Marine leaves two daughters, Patricia Marie, 7, and Barbara June, 2.

"O Praise The Lord, All Ye Nations ❖ Praise Him All Ye People"

The Scripture Reading

as chosen for Stars by

The REV. DAVID H. FREDERICK
Pastor of St. Stephen's Evangelical
Lutheran Church

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St. Matthew 28: 1-15

In the end of the Sabbath, as it began to dawn toward the first day of the week, came Mary Magdalene and the other Mary to see the sepulchre.

And, behold, there was a great earthquake: for the angel of the Lord descended from Heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it.

His countenance was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow:

And for fear of him the keepers did shake, and became as dead men.

The Angel answered and said unto the women, Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek, Jesus, which was crucified.

He is not here: for He is risen, as He said. Come see the place where the Lord lay.

And go quickly, and tell his disciples that he is risen from the dead; and, behold, He goeth before you into Galilee; there shall ye see Him: Lo, I have told you.

And they departed quickly from the sepulchre with fear and great joy; and did run to bring his disciples word.

And as they went to tell his disciples, behold, Jesus met them, saying, All hail. And they came and held him by the feet, and worshipped him.

Then said Jesus unto them, Be not afraid: go tell my brethren that they go into Galilee, and there shall they see me.

Now when they were going, behold, some of the watch came into the city, and shewed unto the chief priests all the things that were done.

And when they were assembled with the elders, and had taken counsel, they gave large money unto the soldiers.

Saying, Say ye, His disciples came by night, and stole him away while we slept.

And if this come to the governor's ears, we will persuade him, and secure you.

So they took the money, and did as they were taught; and this saying is commonly reported among the Jews until this day.

A MESSAGE by Rev. John S. Groenfeldt, Pastor of the West Side Moravian Church, for "Stars in the Service"

THE TEXT:—"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore, will we not fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea."—Psalm 46: 1-2

THE MESSAGE:—At the time of the great San Francisco earthquake, when most people were running about aimlessly, in terror, one old lady was noticed who seemed to take the whole thing rather calmly.

"Grandma," someone said, "aren't you afraid?" "Not at all," she replied, "I'm just glad I have a God who can shake the earth." Like the Psalmist, this old lady had made the great discovery that those who trust in God have an inner courage which helps them to bear up in the day of crisis. When the earth seems to be shaking around us; when family ties are broken, and when our senses seem to reel under the impact of the things which are happening about us, we still are able to turn to God, who is our refuge and our strength, a very present help in time of trouble.

Many service men and women are now making this same discovery. At home, during "normal times," things went along so routinely, that some of us didn't realize the true meaning of our religious faith. We thought of it as something of a luxury, which we could accept or refuse, without its making much difference in our lives. But in this hour of need, we are coming to understand that faith is more than a luxury—it is an essential for life. It is something we simply must have, if we are to face the tests of this hour.

Figuratively—and sometimes literally—the earth is being removed, and mountains are cast into the sea. But faith can conquer fear. For those who trust in God will always find Him to be their refuge and their strength, a very present help, in every time of need.

HYMN

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Love divine, all love excelling,
Joy of Heaven, to earth come down!
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling,
All Thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, Thou art all compassion,
Pure, unbounded love Thou art;
Visit us with Thy salvation,
Enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe Thy loving spirit
Into every troubled breast;
Let us all in Thee inherit,
Let us find Thy promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith, as its beginning,
Set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty to deliver,
Let us all Thy life receive;
Graciously return, and never,
Never more Thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
Serve Thee as Thy hosts above,
Pray, and praise Thee without ceasing,
Glory in Thy precious love.

Finish then Thy new creation,
Pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see Thy great salvation
Perfectly restored in Thee!
Changed from glory into glory,
Till in heaven we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before Thee,
Lost in wonder, love and praise.

LET US PRAY

A Prayer to be prayed by our service men and women

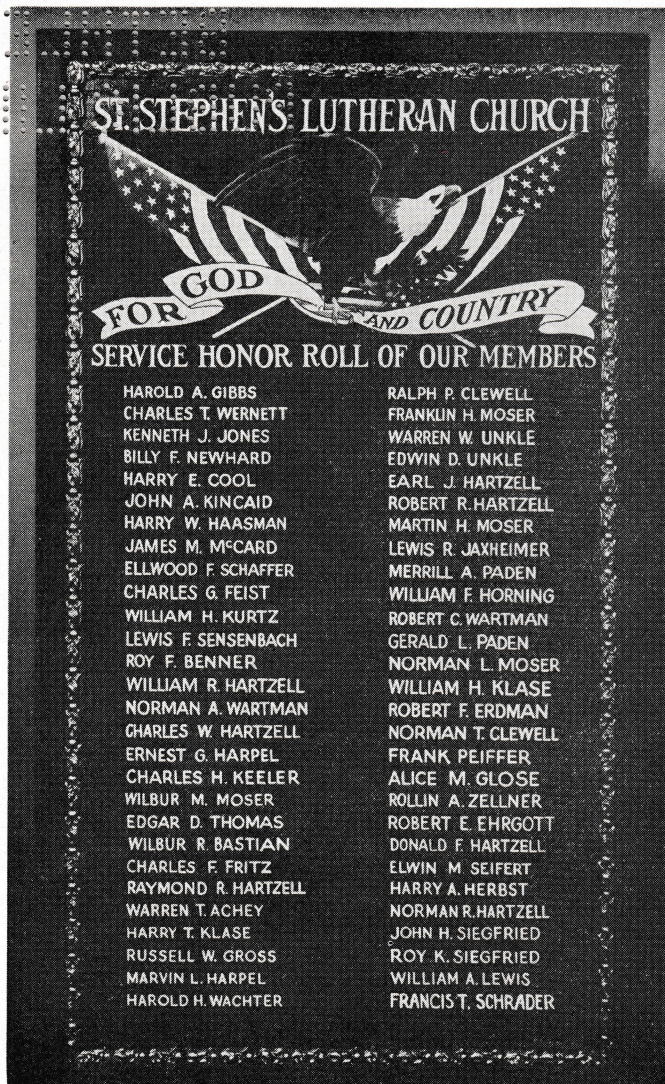
Contributed by the Rev. A. Augustus Welsh, Pastor of Christ Evangelical and Reformed Church

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FATHER of Eternal Mercy hear my earnest prayer! Thou knowest my choice would be other than warfare, but Lord, I am defending that which is holy in Thy sight. Help me always to cherish these sacred ideals so that neither shot nor shell, hatred nor hell shall weaken my will to struggle on courageously to the very end. Let Thy Divine Might lend me the power to think and act heroically; let Thy Divine Spirit shelter me from any lasting flash of fear; let Thy Divine Wisdom use me for some noble purpose in this our common task. And, O God, if it be Thy will, restore me to my home and my loves, unsullied by a depressed or vulgar spirit, but chastened by temptation and suffering, eager to reflect Thy love and power in the service of my fellowmen at peace. Sustain my country and her leaders in this universal hour of trial. Grant victory to the cause of justice and make me worthy to preserve it until the end of time. In Jesus' name. Amen.

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Family Album



SERVICE HONOR ROLL OF OUR MEMBERS

HAROLD A. GIBBS	RALPH P. CLEWELL
CHARLES T. WERNETT	FRANKLIN H. MOSER
KENNETH J. JONES	WARREN W. UNKLE
BILLY F. NEWHARD	EDWIN D. UNKLE
HARRY E. COOL	EARL J. HARTZELL
JOHN A. KINCAID	ROBERT R. HARTZELL
HARRY W. HAASMAN	MARTIN H. MOSER
JAMES M. McCARD	LEWIS R. JAXHEIMER
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WILLIAM H. KURTZ	ROBERT C. WARTMAN
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WILLIAM R. HARTZELL	WILLIAM H. KLASE
NORMAN A. WARTMAN	ROBERT F. ERDMAN
CHARLES W. HARTZELL	NORMAN T. CLEWELL
ERNEST G. HARPEL	FRANK PEIFFER
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WILBUR R. BASTIAN	DONALD F. HARTZELL
CHARLES F. FRITZ	ELWIN M. SEIFERT
RAYMOND R. HARTZELL	HARRY A. HERBST
WARREN T. ACHEY	NORMAN R. HARTZELL
HARRY T. KLASE	JOHN H. SIEGFRIED
RUSSELL W. GROSS	ROY K. SIEGFRIED
MARVIN L. HARPEL	WILLIAM A. LEWIS
HAROLD H. WACHTER	FRANCIS T. SCHRADER

★ This is the Honor Roll for men and women in service which **St. Stephen's Lutheran Church** has placed in the vestibule of the church building. When it was first put up it had 56 names on it. On February 20 a special service honoring those who had left the congregation to fight for their country was held and a son of St. Stephen's, **Samuel Jaxheimer**, student in Mt. Airy Theological Seminary, preached his first sermon in his home church.

At the same service, the following names were inscribed on the roll, bringing the total in service to 69 men and one woman in the uniform of their country: **Frank Hinkley, William Moser, Jr., Robert Compton, William Keeler, John Jaxheimer, Jr., Warren Achey, Russell Lyons, Frederick Horning, George Keeler, Richard Smith, Richard Erdman, Claude Mertz and Kenneth Smale.**

PEOPLE TELL US

By Carrol Cool

So many members of the *Red and Blue Club* have left for the service that it looks as though *Joe Raines* and *Paul Easterly* will have to content themselves playing dominoes; and *Joe* may yet be left playing solitaire.

'*Deacon*' *Keim* was home on furlough to see his feminine friends as well as his friend, "Reds" *Seifert*. "*Happy*" *Komeski* has left his wife behind to join the Army. *Bob Kock's* new address is now "somewhere across the pond."

John Kenneth Grube, seaman first

class, recently became engaged to one of the sweetest girls on this side of the tracks. He is the son of Mrs. *Elizabeth Grube* and has graduated both from *Liberty High* and *Burdette College*, Boston, Mass. He's now seeing sea duty with the Navy. A man to be envied.

Bob Sutton certainly did look well when he was home on leave from the Navy. *Jimmy Trumbore* has been home from *Sampson*. This recently inducted gob still has who pining? That kid certainly is a wolf in the superlative degree. That *Yockum* kid, *Jimmy* if you don't know, no relation to *Mammy*, is seen at *John's* every weekend.

★ On March 12, a Sunday afternoon, *Pfc. Bruce R. Hagey* and his pretty bride, the former *Catharine Bergey*, were given a belated "home" wedding reception by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. *Charles Hagey*. There was a large wedding cake and young friends of the couple dropped in to greet them and make merry. *Pvt. Hagey* returned to *Camp Pickett* next day. His wife is staying in *Hellertown* with her parents for the "duration."

★ Three men from *Ebenezer church*, *Mennonite Brethren in Christ*, have entered the service since the last issue of *Stars*: *Donald Reiss*, Ft. Bragg, N. C.; *Henry S. Gemberling*, Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Md., and *Robert P. Jones*, Camp Barkley, Texas. These last two are the first to go from the married men of the church.

★ *Valentine Fondarvest*, College Hill church, entered the service March 27.

★ Latest man in service from *Fritz Memorial church* at the time this news was written was *Pvt. John Hoof*, now at *Camp Davis*. *Johnny* just escaped being a *Valentine*. He was born on the 16th of February, missing the *Cupidic* event by two days.

★ On Sunday, March 26, seven new stars were added to the Service Flag at the *St. Paul's Evangelical and Reformed church*. They were in honor of the following: *Lawrence Werkheiser, Warren Wright, Carol Leibert, Walter Hoke, Edward Ettwein, Paul Risser and Joseph Hersch*. There are now 42 stars on the flag, representing 27 who are in the Army, 11 in the Navy and 4 in the Marines. 18 of the boys are now overseas. At the service *Rev. C. L. Brachman* preached on the subject, "Religion with or without a Cross." Two of the boys, *Thomas Gangwere* and *Warren Crouthamel* sang solos in the choir.

★ The following boys on furloughs or leave attended the services recently at *St. Paul's*: *Ted Oswald, Russel Graber, William Heimbrook, William Gottschall, Thomas Gangwere, Warren Crouthamel* and *Edward Ettwein*.

★ *Paul Roth* is expected home for Easter. Lucky boy.

★ The following have recently received promotions: *Paul Kunsman* to technical sergeant, *Ted Oswald* to staff sergeant; *Thomas Litrenta* to technical sergeant, *Bill Gottschall* to corporal and *Allen Kemmerer* to corporal.

★ Eighty-four members of Bethany Evangelical and Reformed church are enrolled in the service of their country, more than twice as many as there were in September 1943, when there were 41 stars on the service flag. It was in that month that Bethany first became a participant in the Stars in The Service project.

The number of sets of brothers in service has increased to ten and one family has given three sons, that of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Remaley, 62 West Spruce Street, whose boys, Kenneth, Lester and Reginald are in uniform.

Recently added to the brother list are William and Harry Buchecker, William and Edwin Christman, Henry and Richard Kresh and Gerald and William Werkheiser.

Owen R. Kurtz, who handles the news and pictures for Stars at Bethany and who takes a deep personal interest in every Bethany son and daughter in service, expresses this thought: "I know that some of our boys are in dangerous places, eagerly looking forward to a blessed tomorrow; glad the day is spent and that yesterday, too, is gone. For this blessed tomorrow, we at home pray with you tonight, and every night."

★ Five new stars were affixed to the service flag of Edgeboro Moravian church January 9 in honor of *William Price Jr., Charles Wilson Jr., Byron Kelly, Arlene Badel* and *Robert Buss*. The total now is 35.



BUSINESS END OF GI BROGUE

★ Ever wonder what the business end of Johnnie Doughboy's GI brogue looks like? Well, take a look, for here is *Pvt. William Horning* putting 'em up for your inspection. Bill recently was home from California on a visit to his folks the beginning of March. He was inducted in December and is serving with the Air Forces. After a day of picking 'em up and putting 'em down, do you wonder his arches feel flattened!

★ A happy family reunion of *Lieut. and Mrs. G. Scott Maxwell* and *Lieut. Maxwell's* parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Maxwell, 70 West Greenwich Street, took place in Baltimore, Md., recently when the former drove in from Tucson, Arizona, 2,500 miles, on a 15-day leave. At the end of his stay, *Lieut. Maxwell* returned to Tucson as co-pilot of a B-17 bomber while his wife, the former *Louise Pelly*, came to Bethlehem to be with her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Pelly, 1032 Highland Avenue.

★ First Presbyterian, North Side, boasts 115 men and women on its service roster.

★ Names of six men have been added to the service list at Calvary E. & R. church: *Albert S. Bona, Harold Eckert, Woodrow Kashner, Robert Rand, Joseph Kovacs* and *Ellwood Klinger*. This brings the total to 31. The Girl's Guild of the church furnished the service flag and affixes the new stars from time to time. Miss *Dorothy Wilkie* is president.

★ Zion Evangelical and Reformed Church has added the names of *Lt. Joyce Sieger, Robert Compton, A. S., Lester Compton, A. S.,* and *Clyde Kohl*, to the service roster. All are given best wishes for good fortune.

★ Since the last issue of Stars, 18 new stars have been added to the service flag of Emmanuel Evangelical Congregational Church, the Rev. *John R. Waser*, Pastor.

★ Here's an interesting bit. Some time ago it was reported in Stars that *Lieut. Dorothy Lewry, ANC.*, member of St. Peter's Lutheran church, is doing her bit in an Army base hospital away off in Iran. Everybody knows that hundreds of singers, movie and stage and other entertainers of varying degrees of fame are going about the world bringing cheer and amusement to our soldiers, sailors and others in service.

In a letter written recently to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond R. Stauffer, Northampton R. D. No. 1, no less a celebrity than *Nelson Eddy*, concert and radio luminary told of meeting Dorothy; in fact, he was her patient. Wrote he: "I saw *Lieut. Dorothy B. Lewry* in . . . , where she helped pull me through a slight illness in the hospital. I told her I would call you if I were nearby. That may not be for several weeks, so I decided to write you this note instead. She is well, looks fine and is doing wonderful work with the boys. They all appreciate her as much as I did. It gets lonesome over there every now and then, so don't forget to keep the mail going."



'TIS A BRAW NICHT THE NICHT

★ If you haven't guessed it, the lad with the face spinach and the Scot's outfit is *Harold Long, coxswain 3/c*, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Long, Green Street, Freemansburg. According to a recent letter, and as evidenced by the picture, "Scottie" Long couldn't dig up a razor blade in Scutlund, so he just let the beard go unshorn. If he bears a slight resemblance to Mr. Glencannon (although the kilts, plaid, sporran and glengarry are not a part of Glencannon's everyday garb) it may be he has tasted the famous Duggan's Dew, guaranteed to give anyone a strong resemblance to this famous *SatEvePost* character. Long, member of Christ Lutheran Church, Freemansburg (Hoot, mon, ye should belong to the Auld Kirk!) participated in the Sicilian action. He is presently in the British Isles and no doubt finds the heather of the Heilands most lovely.

PLEASE, servicemen and women, wherever you may be or are going, if you have a change of address, notify your pastor or your family with instructions to pass the change along to your church service roster committee. Don't send address changes to "Stars" direct. We keep no file of addresses but each church submits a new list of service addresses at mailing time. This saves us the expense of clerical help, for which we have no money available. Address changes should be forwarded promptly, otherwise the magazine is delayed or prevented from getting to the addressee. Your interest and co-operation will be appreciated.

BROTHERS IN ARMS

"All For One and One For All"

★ From an infantine start, Stars' section devoted to *Brothers-in-Arms* has really clicked and in this number we have the most yet. In addition, there are three *Brother-and-Sister* couples, a very nice feature as you will admit. Certainly, we see more and more that entire families, often even mom and dad, are in this war up to the hilt.

★ Mr. and Mrs. William Gieske boast two sons in service, *Pvt. William H.*, recently with the artillery at Camp Iron Mountain, Los Angeles, Calif., and now somewhere overseas, and *Neil Donald, AOM 3/c*, now at Indian Head, Md. Bill got into the Army January 28, 1943 and trained at Camp Robinson, Ark., and then Camp Shelby, Miss. He also was on maneuvers in Louisiana and for the past seven months had been at Iron Mt. He'll celebrate his 21st birthday July 18. In January he spent 15 days with his family.

Neil, who was 18 the 11th of this month, is doing experimental work with explosives for the Navy. He went into service April 19, 1943, boot trained at Sampson; was transferred to Naval Air Technical Training Centre, Memphis, Tenn.; completed aviation ordnance school November 13; was promoted to seaman first class and transferred to the Explosives Investigation Laboratory, Naval powder factory, Indian Head, and promoted to aviation ordnance man 3rd class February 24, 1944.

★ Chalk up two sons in the Navy for Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Romig, 1431 Center Street, whose boys, *Harlan* and *Charles*, are wearing the blue. Charles, recently promoted to radioman third class, is somewhere in the Pacific. Before shipping out, he was home on a visit and regaled his friends of Zion E. & R. church, so the story goes, with tales of the "beautiful blondes" he had met.

Harlan volunteered for P-T duty and is stationed in New York. He rates radioman third class, having studied radio in Indianapolis after leaving Sampson, N. Y.

★ *Lester Henn, S 2/c*, and his brother, *Donald, Phm. 3/c*, were home together recently on a short leave and really had themselves a time greeting all their friends. Lester was "reporter" for Stars in Trinity, Freemansburg, and used to stop around at the house now and then. He was president of the Youth Fellowship of the church and active in Sunday School. He is now sta-

tioned at the Navy receiving station, New York.

Don is at the Naval Hospital, St. Alban's, Long Island. He entered the Navy on Good Friday, 1943. His present rating was received March 6 of this year.

★ Just one year ago this April, *Pfc. Alex Kardos* set his GI dogs ashore in Newfoundland. They are still there—with Alex. He—and his GI dogs—entered the service October 16, 1941. For a time he was in Virginia, later in New York, still later, in Newfoundland.

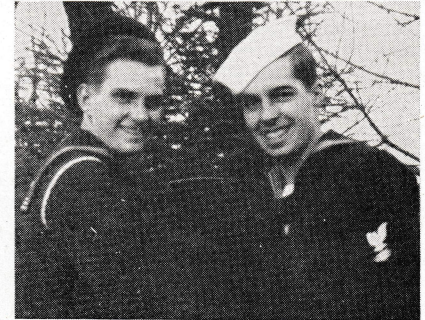
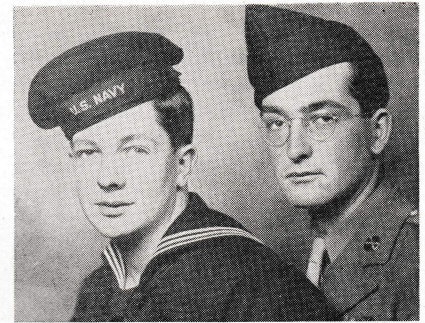
Alex's brother, *Pfc. Joseph Kardos* is also across the water, hanging his tin hat on a nail somewhere in the North of Ireland, where he has been since December, 1943. Joseph entered the service September 10, 1942 and saw training service in South Carolina, Maryland and Kentucky.

★ In the Navy together, training together and now, probably, on sea duty together are *William* and *Edward Freeman*, each a seaman first class, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Freeman, Northampton Street, Hellertown. The boys joined together, took their boot training together at Sampson, N. Y., studied radio at Miami University, Oxford, Ohio, and took advanced training at Washington, D. C. They have done everything together and hope to continue thus throughout the war, or as long as they shall serve. In the middle of March they were home on a seven day leave and expected to ship out upon their return to duty.

★ Two of the *Ottinger* boys were home together earlier in the year, much to the pleasure of their family. *Lieut. Samuel Ottinger* arrived from Cambridge, Mass., where he is attending M. I. T., and *Lieut. James Ottinger* turned up from Hendricks Field, Fla. He was commissioned in February. They had not seen each other in over a year. Another brother, *David*, a Sergeant, is in California.

Dave, an aerial gunner on a bomber, has just announced his engagement to Miss J. Virginia Harlan, of Easton, member of the staff at Muhlenberg Hospital, Plainfield, N. J.

★ *Cpl. Carlton Fink* graduated the end of March from school at Boca Raton, Fla., having taken a ten-week course. His brother, *Richard*, left Sampson, N. Y., to enter a Navy Diesel motor mechanic school. He had a three-week furlough not so long ago.



★ These are brothers **William and Neil Gieske** (top panel); **Lester and Donald Henn** (next below); **Harlan and Charles Romig** (center); **Edward and William Freeman** (next below); **Joseph and Alex Kardos** (bottom panel).

The congregation of St. John's Slovak Lutheran Church remembered all its Service men and women with gifts which should have arrived about Easter time.



Frank Pittinger



Joseph Pittinger



John Pittinger



Robert Schleifer



Warren Schleifer



William Schleifer

★ Here, to start the ball rolling, are the three *Pittinger* brothers, *Frank*, *Joseph* and *John*. Frank is a major in the infantry, Joseph a captain in the Air Force and John a 2nd lieutenant, also in the infantry, coming up from the ranks and a non-com rating of corporal through Officer Candidate school at Ft. Benning, Ga. The three are sons of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Pittinger, 1810 Maple Street. Major Frank started his army career at Lehigh, graduating in 1934 with a commission of 2nd lieutenant in the Infantry reserve. He had a year of duty at Ft. Meade, Md., 1936-'37, and advanced to first lieutenant in April 1938. September 22, 1941, he was called to active duty and February 2, 1942, graduated from Officers' Basic course at Ft. Benning. Assignment to Infantry school as tactical officer followed and he served as platoon leader and company commander in C companies. September 19, 1942, he received his two bars and June 29, 1943 was made a major and given his oak leaves. October 21 the same year he graduated from the battalion commander and staff officers' course at Benning and now is serving at Camp Hood, Texas, with a tank destroyer outfit.

Captain Joseph is Lehigh '38 and the same year was commissioned a 2nd lieutenant in the Infantry Reserve. His first lieutenantcy came June 21, 1941. August 21 of that year he entered the Air Corps with the same rank and was squadron commander at Maxwell Field, Ala., September 1, 1941 to August 25, 1942. After that he was successively personnel and statistical officer at Tyndall Field, Fla.; student group supply officers, Buckingham Army Air Field, Ft. Myers, Fla.; squadron commander at Buckingham from March 1 to the present. His promotion to captain,

Infantry, A.U.S., became effective January 6, 1943.

Lieut. John completed his Officer Candidate course at Benning January 14, 1944. He enlisted in the Army May 26, 1942, and served in the ROTC at Penn State college and later at Camp Croft, S. C. He attained the grade of corporal while at Croft. He's a graduate of Moravian Prep and Penn State. These three young officers typify, to us, at least, American democracy at work.

★ Another threesome is *LeRoy M.*, *William E.* and *LeMar Gearhart*, two of the boys being in the Air Force, the third in the Infantry. LeRoy is taking pilot pre-flight at the University of Texas, having started his Army life September 18, 1943, at Greensboro, N. C., where he took his basic training. Roy writes he has found the grub puts poundage on the bones.

LeMar, also in the Air Force, joined up October 14, 1943, and had his initiatory training at Keesler Field, Miss. He was sent thence to Truax Field, Madison, Wisc., where he is studying radio and radar.

Bill, private first class, has been in service over a year. He trained at Camp Swift, Texas, was moved to Illinois Institute of Technology for a three-month course, upon the completion of which he was sent to Camp Wolters, Texas. One more jump took him to Ft. Sam Houston, Texas, where he was in the Ordnance department. Now he's in Toledo, Ohio, taking a special course in administration. From each have come words of appreciation for Stars and we are glad the magazine is hitting the spot.

★ Three of a kind—all Navy men—are the Schleifer brothers, *William*, *Robert* and *Warren*, sons of Mrs. John Steifel, 249 East Goepf Street. William, a Sea-Bee, and Robert met

last Easter (1943) on an island in the South Pacific where the former had been for 20 months or so and where the last person he expected to encounter was his brother. He has not been home for two years. He rates fireman third class.

Bob, seaman second class, is aboard a destroyer in the South Pacific and his last visit home was in January of '43.

Warren, recently promoted to coxswain, was home not long ago on a 15 day shore leave. He has been in Bermuda for over a year.

Bill joined the Navy January 2, 1942; Robert, October 6, 1942, and Warren, December 2, 1941.

★ *Merritt*, *Albert* and *Charles Schultheis*, sons of Mr. and Mrs. John Schultheis of Ettwein Street, are each in a different service and serving in widely separated parts of the world. Merritt, in the U. S. Marines, is in Hawaii. Albert, with the Army Air Forces, was in North Africa at last report, but may now be in the Italian sector. Charles, a private in the Infantry, is serving in England and making ready for the big day when the Allied forces plunge against the Nazi enemy, opening the second front. The trio are members of Trinity Episcopal church.

★ "At times you wouldn't think there was a war going on," writes *Pfc. Kerwin Silfies*, members of a signal company, from his post somewhere in England. "At the present time (March 29) this country seems to be enjoying perfect weather, just like late spring in Bethlehem. Everything has a certain amount of beauty, hardly anywhere do you find hurrying and traffic that goes with large cities." Thanks for the mention of misplaced names, Kerwin. They were called to our attention too late to be corrected.



Albert Schultheis



Charles Schultheis



Merritt Schultheis



LeRoy Gearhart



William Gearhart



LeMar Gearhart



William Kurtz, Jr.

Harold Kurtz

Merlin Transue

Gilbert Transue

Richard Speck

Gordon Speck

★ *Harold and William Kurtz, Jr.*, are two more Bethlehem brothers who have been participating in the war effort. Harold, a corporal in the Marines, is doing engineering work in the Pacific area. He trained at Parris Island, Quantico and San Diego, Calif.

William received his basic training at Greensboro, N. C., was sent to Camp Lee, Va., Quartermaster's school to learn construction carpentry for the Air Corps. Later he was transferred to Pocatello, Idaho, where he received an honorable discharge.

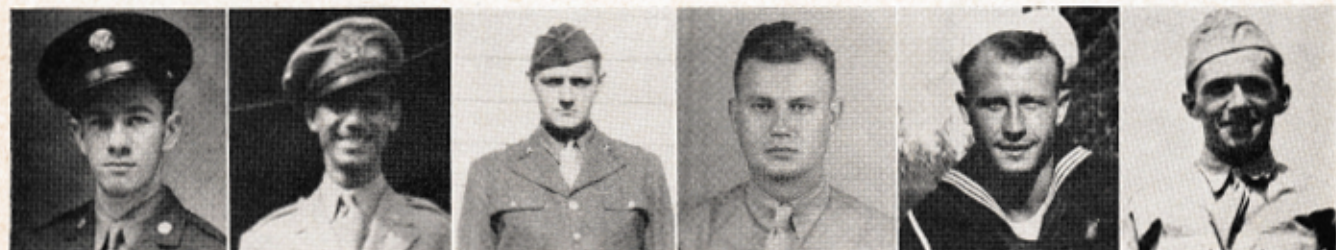
was tenor soloist in church and choir director for a year.

★ *Wesley and Clark Belzner*, both from West Side Moravian church, are serving in the Navy. Wesley, Em 2/c, has been in the South Pacific for some time past. Clark is now at Great Lakes, Ill., training as gunner's mate. Pastor John Groenfeldt had a letter from Wesley not so long ago in which he began, quite hopefully, "You probably wonder where I've been since I left home. I'll begin by mentioning a few of the places. . ." At this point the letter was snipped off, very neatly, by the censor!

in getting supplies and munitions to the fighting fronts.

Gilbert, fireman first class in the Navy, was inducted April 23, 1943, and trained at Sampson and later at the Navy Pier, Chicago, Ill. After two and one-half months there he was sent to Norfolk, Va., and assigned to duty on a destroyer escort. Right now he's on the Pacific.

★ Another set of brothers in service from West Side Moravian is composed of *Richard and Gordon Speck*, 701 Fifth Avenue. Gordon is in the Pacific on one of the Navy's new



Norman Clewell

Ralph Clewell

Oscar Siftar

Ernest Siftar

Truman Fluck

LeRoy Fluck

★ Brothers from Wesley Methodist church serving their country are *Harold F. and Willard H. Bilheimer*, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bilheimer, 1109 West North Street, each an ensign in the U. S. Navy. Harold is aboard an aircraft carrier, namesake of one sunk in the South Pacific, while Willard is at Ft. Schuyler, N. Y.

Harold graduated at Naval Training school, Cornell University, Willard at the training school at Princeton, N. J. Each is a graduate of Liberty High, Harold in '38, Willard in '36, and each is also a graduate of Moravian College, the former in '42, the latter in '40.

Both boys are musical, each having been a singer in college and Willard

★ Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sifter, Lawfer Avenue, have two sons in the service, both members of St. John's Windish church. *Ernest* is a gunner in the U.S. Marines and is somewhere in the South Pacific. He's a veteran, for he enlisted December 28, 1937. *Oscar* is a private in the Army Medical Corps and is stationed at Camp Grant, Ill.

★ Two "boys in blue," brothers in arms, are *Merlin F. and Gilbert L. Transue*, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Transue of Monocacy Street. Merlin is in the Merchant Marine and is classed as an OS seaman. He entered the service in July, 1943, and trained at the Sheepshead Bay, (N. Y.) Maritime Training Station. Right now he is on the high seas doing his bit

tankers. Dick has recently landed in England.

★ Here is news of the *Fluck* boys, *Truman and LeRoy*, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Fluck, Hellertown R. D. 1. Truman enlisted in the Navy in January, 1943, completing boot training successfully at Sampson. He was sent to Memphis, Tenn., then to Jacksonville, Fla., to further his education as a radio technician. He is now at Norfolk, Va., waiting to be assigned to duty.

LeRoy left for service on Good Friday, April 1, 1943. After training at Camp Pickett, Va., he left for duty overseas with the Medical Corps. Both LeRoy and Truman are graduates of Springfield Township high



Harold Gradwohl

Marvin Gradwohl

Willard Bilheimer

Harold Bilheimer

Clark Belzner

Wesley Belzner



Dale Lindenmuth James Lindenmuth James Bachman William Bachman John Lance Robert Lance

school and LeRoy is married to the former Verna Strauss.

★ *Sgt. Harold Gradwohl* and *Pvt. Marvin Gradwohl* are both busy in their respective duties, Harold somewhere in the Pacific area, Marvin at the University of Missouri. Harold was inducted January 21, 1943, and took his basic at Camp Croft, S. C. He attended Army Administration school, Oxford, Miss., and then went to Louisiana. Marvin was inducted in April, 1943, and was sent to Greensboro, N. C., then to Michigan State Teachers' College, where he was in the ASTP course. Liberty Hi is the alma mater of both.

★ *James R.* and *Dale C. Lindenmuth* are two Nativity Episcopal boys of whom Stars has a bit of news this trip. James, a corporal in the ordnance division, is at Camp Forrest, Tenn. He joined in October of '42 and was sent to Woodbury College, California, for a course in supplies and typing.

Dale holds a first lieutenant's commission and is in training as an Air Force pilot at Georgia Air Service, Jackson, Tenn. He entered in the Infantry in April, 1942. After he was in service eleven months he graduated at the Ordnance O.C.S., Aberdeen, Md., as a second lieutenant. Seven months later he was advanced to his present rank.

★ An unexpected reunion under the family roof was the happy portion of *Pvt. John Lance* and his brother, *Pfc Robert Lance*, when each was given a furlough at coincident times. Bob was home with the family, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Lance, 59 West Laurel Street, on a 15-day stay and had already been here several days when Jack came in from Ft. Meade, Md. They spent most of their time comparing notes on activities. Bob is at

Drew Field, Tampa, Fla., and had just finished a truck trip into Tennessee. Something of an ornithologist, he described many of the birds common to the south and said that mocking birds are as common down there as sparrows up north.

★ Just where *William* and *James Bachman*, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Bert-ram Bachman, Macada Road, are is not told in the news item turned in with their pictures. William is in the Naval Reserve and doing mine sweeper duty; Jim has received his Navy wings and commission in the Naval Air Corps.

★ *Richard* and *Robert Wagner*, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wagner, 534 Penn Street, are our next set of brothers. The former rates second Marine officer in the Maritime Service. He enlisted early in May, 1943, and trained at Sheepshead Bay, N. Y. From there he went on to officers' training school at St. Petersburg, Fla., and was graduated there in November as a junior officer. He was shipped to San Francisco the middle of the month and sailed for the Southwest Pacific.

Robert is a technician fifth grade, Aviation Engineers, and has been 26 months in Iceland. He was inducted April 5, 1941, and sent to Ft. Belvoir, Va. During that summer he took part in maneuvers in Louisiana. He landed in Iceland January 26, 1942. Both he and his brother are LHS grads and both were employees of the Steel company.

★ *Cpl. Henry R. Kresh* and *Pvt. Richard F. Kresh*, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kresh, 215 Seventh Avenue, are serving their country in similar services, but Henry is a veteran by over 14 months while Dick is only in the basic training stage, being stationed with a Quartermaster

oufit at Camp Lee, Va. Henry is at Ft. Lewis, Wash., having arrived there via basic at Camp Lee, three months at Camp Shelby, Miss., and five months at Helena, Montana.

★ Fulsome praises of the English people, the English countryside and the picturesque villages and towns they have visited come from the *Lindner* brothers, *Captain Kenneth* and *Staff Sergeant George*. From the captain: "I am stationed in England and all that I have read and heard of this country in regards to its beauty . . . is certainly true. The people are the most friendly I have ever encountered. . . ."

George visited Norwich and Cambridge, among other places. At Cambridge, seat of the great university, he went through Kings and Trinity colleges and found the ancient buildings very beautiful. "I have never seen so many bicycles," he wrote. "Everybody from 6 to 90 years old rides one."

★ *Lt. Ralph P. Clewell, Jr.*, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph A. Clewell, is stationed at Mitchell Field, N. Y. He is completing his third year in the service. He graduated from Officers Training School, Aberdeen, Md., in 1943. Lt. Clewell also served overseas as well as at Camp Meade, Md., and Camp Cod, Mass.

★ Corp. Norman Clewell is now stationed in North Carolina.

★ The two *Ditterline* brothers, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Ditterline, are both in aviation. Roy is in the army training school at University of Florida and Bob is in the navy program at Westminster College, New Wilmington, Pa.

★ Word has been received that *William H. Fetzer* has been advanced to sergeant. He is stationed, after duty in Panama, at Alamo-gordo, New Mexico.



Kenneth Lindner George Lindner Robert Wagner Richard Wagner Richard Kresh Henry Kresh

BROTHERS---concluded

★ *Charlie and Steve Voros*, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Voros, East Fifth Street, are doing their bit for Uncle Sam in widely separated branches of the service, the former in the Army, the latter in the Navy. Charles was inducted June 13, 1942 and was with the Infantry at Ft. Meade, Md., for 13 months. From there he went to flying school at Greensboro, N. C., and then to Lynchberg College, Va. June 15 he was sent to Maxwell Field, Ala., as a flying cadet. After two months there he was sent to Ft. Myers, Fla., and shortly will go to the West Coast.

Steve joined the Navy August 16, 1943, received his boot training at Sampson, N. Y., was sent to radio school at Memphis, Tenn., graduated there February 26, 1943 and now is in the gunnery school at Hollywood, Fla. He is full of praise for the folks down Florida way and declares that Hollywood "is a most beautiful place."

★ Since the last issue of Stars another team of brothers has entered the Services from Olivet Evangelical church. *Walter Charles Miller* is in the Army Air Force, at present at a base in Arkansas, one day to be a pilot. *Wilbur David Miller* will complete his boot training just before Easter at the Great Lakes Naval Training Station. Charlie left high school to become a student in the Chamberlain Air School in Philadelphia, and upon graduation secured a position with Glen-Martin in Baltimore. Here he met Irene Spangler whom he brought home and married in a ceremony in Olivet Church on March 20, 1943. He was inducted December 17 and after a few days in New Cumberland was assigned to the Air Force Training School in Miami, from which he was sent to Arkansas. During his high school days here, Charles was active in Olivet Church, serving as secretary of the Sunday School and in a Christian Endeavor office.

Wilbur left his course in Technical High to take a job in the Central Tool shop of Bethlehem Steel, from which he was promoted finally to operator of a polishing machine. On June 20, 1942, he claimed Ruth Stahl as his bride in Emmanuel Church. Judith Ann was the first baby born in 1944 in St. Luke's Hospital. Wilbur, too, was active in the work in Olivet Church, at the time of his induction he was serving as a regular church visitor. February 10, he began his boot training at Great Lakes.

WOMEN IN THE SERVICES

Every Lass Lets A Fighter Fight



Mary Bowes

Joyce Sieger

Mildred Bender

★ *Mary D. Bowes* is Bethlehem's first young woman to hold a commission in the U. S. Marine Corps Women's Reserve. She was made a second lieutenant at exercises at Camp LeJeune, New River, N. C., at which Gen. A. A. Vandergrift, commandant of the Corps, and Col. Ruth Cheney Streeter, director of the Reserve, were present. Lieut. Bowes is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Bowes, 221 East Garrison Street, and a member of the First (North Side) Presbyterian church.

★ Looking after the welfare of Johnnie Doughboy and his buddies in England, *Lt. Mildred K. Bender, ANC*, finds time to see a bit of the country now and then. Lt. Bender, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Merritt Bender, West Union Boulevard, graduated at Johns Hopkins school of nursing September 16, 1943. October 15 she enlisted in the Army Nurse Corps and went to Ft. George Meade, Md., for basic training. She was transferred to Camp Rucker, Ala., for overseas training and on December 23 left for Camp Kilmer, N. J., port of embarkation. She arrived in England in January of this year.

★ Second Army nurse from Zion E. & R. church is *Lieut. Joyce B. Sieger*, graduate of St. Luke's, class of '43. She is one of five nurses from her class presently stationed at Ft. George Meade, Md. A brother, Harry, is in England

★ First girl from West Side Moravian to enter the service is *Lt. Dorothy Brensinger, R.N., A.N.C.*, now at Ft. George Meade, Md.

★ *Cpl Lillian B. Johnson, WAC*, now at Ft. Clark, Texas, finds "the service is what you make it."

★ *Arlene Badel* has been advanced to seaman second class in the WAVES. She is now stationed at Sampson, N. Y.

★ *Pvt. Alice H. Smith*, home recently on furlough, told all her friends here, "I wouldn't miss being in service for anything."

★ *Pvt. Virginia Fisher* of the WAC's is still stationed at Indiantown Gap and likes her work very much.

★ *Corp. Dot Kunkle*, also in the WAC, finds much to keep her busy and happy at Camp Atterbury, Ind. Friends at Fritz Memorial church are convinced that Dot keeps other folks happy, too.

★ *Betty Venninger* of the WAVES has a real suntan, not the kind that comes out of a bottle, and is enjoying her stay in Florida.

★ WAC life appears to agree with *Pvt. Harriet Huber*, who makes frequent trips home from Ft. Meyer, Va., and looks more trim and happy each trip.

LETTERS

★ *Pfc. George Bradford*, under the date line "Somewhere in North Africa, December 29, 1943," writes: "Hello there—I received the Thanksgiving-Christmas edition of Stars (first to acknowledge that this issue was received). Thanks very much. Really don't have much to say this time. Want to let my pals know that I'm in the best of health and hope the same for all of them. I must hurry this along for chow is coming up. . . . We've got plenty of chow hounds around here and I can class myself as one.

"Don't think it will be long before I go back in there and throw a few slaps at Jerry." Lot of good luck, George!

★ *Pvt. William R. Hartzell*, Leatherneck, sends his address and asks us to print it so that he can get some letters from his pals and old friends. We can't print the address, but we will let anyone who sends us a request know how to reach Bill. He is in the Southwest Pacific. "Pete Venninger and myself have been lucky enough to hit the same spot whenever we shove off," he writes. "As yet it isn't bad at our present station as Tojo hasn't been so direct with his bombs."

BROTHER & SISTER

★ For the first time Stars has a "brother-sister act" to present, and not just one pair, but three! This should prove almost as popular a feature as the Brothers-in-Arms, although there surely are not as many brothers and sisters in service.

We lead off with *Constance* and *Gustave Gomory*, daughter and son of Mrs. Albert Gomory, 15 East Broad Street. March 7, after completing training at the Naval Reserve Midshipmen's School, Smith College, Northampton, Mass., Miss Gomory became Ensign Gomory of the U.S.N.R.

Gustave, a lieutenant in the U.S. Army and is attached to the staff of the adjutant general's office in England, having been overseas for the past year and a half.

★ Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Hazzard of University Heights have a son and daughter in service, their pictures appearing in Stars. *Lewis Hazzard*, in the Air Forces since June 4, 1942, is in charge of recruits to Line Maintenance at Chicago. He trained at Keesler. He's an Easton High graduate and worked at BSCo. *Cpl. Virginia Hazzard*, of the WAC, is at Cherry Point, N. C., in the accounting department, A. & R. materials office. She was trained for her work at the University of Indiana, putting to good use her accounting knowledge gained at Liberty Hi and BBC.

★ *Marjorie* and *Harry Delp*, daughter and son of Mrs. Flossie Delp, Allentown, members of Nativity church, are doing their bit for Uncle Sam, Marjorie in the WAVES and Harry in the Army. The latter, a lieutenant, is now stationed in New York and manages to get home from time to time, so was a familiar figure at Nativity church "Open House" nights for service men. He was always active at the church, being a member of the choir, the Y. P. F. and the bowling league. He graduated at LHS in 1936. Marjorie is now in San Diego, Calif. She entered the service August 12, 1943, and trained at Hunter College. She is a graduate of Fountain Hill High school.

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More LETTERS . . .

★ A recent letter from *Joan Laidman, WRENS*, stationed at Winchester, England, told of her appreciation for the last issue of Stars. Joan has been an English "Wave" for several years and was glad to catch up with all her old Bethlehem friends.

★ In the second number of Stars there appeared a picture of *Pfc. Frances Carcione* of the WAC, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Basil Carcione and sister of Lieut. Tony of the Airforce who is mentioned in this issue. Her letter is dated January 15 and comes from Geiger Field, Spokane, Washington. She says: "I have been keeping up with the magazine Stars . . . It helps to keep up with the boys way back home who are just as far away as I am from their states . . . This Army life agrees with me in every respect, have had many experiences and been in nearly every state in the country, including California . . . Recently moved to Geiger Field. My former base was Ephrata, which is 120 miles west of Geiger." Glad you like the page about the girls in service, Frances.

We are looking forward to the copy of the local newspaper, if and when you can send one, lieutenant.

★ All the way from India comes a letter dated December 21, 1943 from *S/Sgt. John H. Martin*, Central Moravian member and an anti-aircraft gunner. He acknowledges receipt of the September Stars and remarks, "I find it has taken very long to get here." Mail is slow and subjected to many hazards these days that are not usual in peace times.



DAD, MOTHER AND SANDRA

★ For the first time Stars is able to publish a picture of an entire family—father, mother and wee one. They are *Lieut. Laurence R. Naegley, U.S.N.R., wife Marian, and daughter Sandra*. While daddy goes to sea, mother and Sandra live in Coronado, Calif. Lieut. Naegley has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for "heroism and extraordinary achievement."

During recent action against Jap warships in the harbor of Rabaul, Lieut. Naegley led his section of dive bombers through heavy ack-ack from warships and shore batteries, eluded enemy planes and pressed home his attack. Concluding the citation of Lieut. Naegley, Admiral Halsey wrote: "His courageous conduct was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

Sandra and Marian are mighty proud of daddy—not to mention the folks at home.

BLESSED EVENTS

★ A son, *John Morris*, was born to *Pfc. and Mrs. William Moser*, members of Christ E. & R. church, last November 29, and on January 16, 1944, he was baptized at the church by the Rev. A. A. Welsh, pastor. Johnny's daddy is somewhere in England.

★ *Corp. Lewis Sensenbach*, Camp Blanding, Fla., is to be congratulated upon the birth of a fine son to him and Mrs. Sensenbach, the former Octavia Rice, January 27. Mother and son, Ronald Lewis, are just fine. They are living at 430 Third Avenue.



Constance Gomory



Gustave Gomory



Virginia Hazzard



Louis Hazzard



Marjorie Delp



Harry Delp

THE NAVY AT SEA

"All Hands To Battle Stations"

★ *T. Douglas Williams*, Merchant Marine, is on one of his many voyages with articles needed by the fighting men abroad. He entered the service in November, 1942, and trained at Sheepshead Bay, Brooklyn, N. Y. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Williams, Bridge Street.

★ Recent promotion of seaman first class brought congratulations to *Roy E. Clause, Jr.*, now somewhere in the Pacific. He was inducted May 19, 1943, and trained at Sampson and Norfolk, Va.

★ Just where at sea *Frank Hinkley*, electrician's mate, is is a matter for speculation. He is really moving around. After he finished his boot training and advanced work at Sampson he went out to the Solomons. Then he was heard of in Maryland and later in Louisville, Ky. Now he is off to parts unknown. He was inducted January 6 of this year.

★ *Lieut. (jg) James Moses* served in the Salerno landing and was aboard a heavy cruiser which was under German bombing attack. He emerged safely, much to the joy of his family and his wife, the former Doris Marie Younker, whom he married in All Saints Episcopal church, Norristown, Pa., last March 3.

★ *John M. Antolick, S 1/c*, Naval Air Corps, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Antolick, of 1306 E. 5th Street, is stationed somewhere in South America. Johnny enlisted in the Navy right after graduating from Bethlehem Technical High school in June, 1943. He left for Sampson in July. Afterwards he was stationed in New York harbor for a week and then sailed for South America. Enroute he wrote of his many initiations upon crossing the equator for the first time. He likes his work with the Navy and for a while served in the galley helping the cook. Johnny writes, "Food is rationed in the North but, gosh, the American women are really rationed down here! Lots of girls, but no speak English. It sure will be swell to get back home."

★ From *Pete Venninger* his friends in College Hill church hear he has received, at last, his Christmas gifts and is doing OK. He's well and happy, he says.

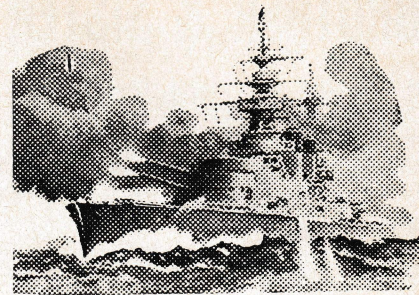
★ *Fred Feltault, RM 3/c*, whose picture appeared in the last issue, has seen plenty of service in the Mediterranean. The latest action in which he took part was the landing at Anzio.

★ Promotion to lieutenant junior grade while aboard ship recently fell to *Charles S. Redline*, son of Mr. and Mrs. Claude S. Redline, 819 Tomblor Street, the advancement coming to him and a shipmate for "meritorious work while on duty in the Atlantic, the Mediterranean, the invasions of Sicily and Italy." Lt. Redline brought the word of his new rank home with him on a recent visit to his family and his wife, the former Marion Muhr.

★ The title "Yeoman" means, according to Noah Webster, any number of things. One term makes him, in ancient England, "owner of free land of an annual value of 40 shillings per year: now, a small landowner, or farmer, hence, a freeman." Then, we all know the famous Gilbert and Sullivan opera, "The Yeomen of the Guard," in which case, our friend Noah tells us the yeoman was a "soldier in the bodyguard of the sovereign."

All of which leads up to *William J. Kern, Jr., Sk 3/c*, who is, we learn, acting as a combination yeoman and storekeeper on a patrol craft in the South Atlantic. Obviously such a ship is no place for such a yeoman as we have described with the help of Brother Webster, so we'll take another look. Bill, it seems, according to Noah, is (in the U. S. Navy) "a petty officer who does clerical work."

May 17 he will be 19 years old. He's an LHS graduate, class of 1942, and of BBC, class of 43. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. William Kern, 622 South Bishopthorpe Street and his recent promotion to storekeeper was very gratifying to them.



★ *Tommy Transue*, radio man on an L.C.F. boat, is well and on the move again. Last reports put him in England.

★ *Lieut. Vivian Moses* has been on destroyer escort duty on the Atlantic.

★ *Lt. (jg) William Grade* was enroute to Australia via San Francisco to participate in anti-submarine warfare, Stars was informed recently.

★ *Bob Ettwein*, whose name has been in these columns before, is now a petty officer third class. He's a "sea cook" on Atlantic duty and was promoted March 1.

★ Word from *Alfred Nagy* aboard ship in the Pacific area tells friends at home that he has touched many a strange port in his wanderings.

★ *Dick Reynolds, Rm 2/c*, having finished radio school, has recently shipped out of Norfolk, Va., for San Juan, Puerto Rico. A member of the U. S. Coast Guard, he expects his stay to be of considerable length. Several years ago, in more peaceful times, we were in Puerto Rico for a brief visit and can guarantee Reynolds an interesting time as well as an educational one. It's quite an island!

★ Another local sailor stationed just now where we had occasion to visit on two memorable sea voyages is *Burton Ruhf*, who is down in Panama and engaged in making his way to seaman first class. Burt says in letters to his friends in First Moravian church that it is hot down there and that he has not seen rain in some time. We were in Panama twice, going through the canal by boat and crossing the isthmus by rail and by air. It was hot then, but about the rain, quien sabe?



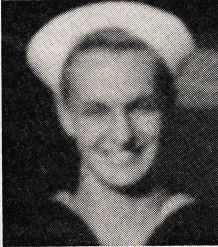
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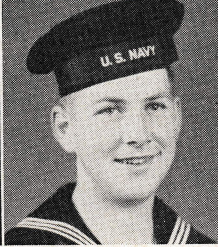
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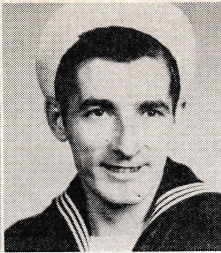
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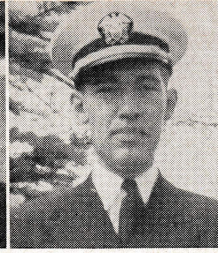
James Beltech



Roy Clause



Douglas Williams



Alfred Nagy



William Green

★ Navy Yard, Philadelphia, is the address of *Tucker Clause*, but he spends much of his time at sea. In spite of his familiarity with Davy Jones, Tucker is still the same jovial person he always was, and if he has been in a tight spot now and then, his manner would never betray him.

★ Another member of Fritz Memorial Methodist church who is on sea duty is *Lieut. Edwin Miller*. His letters are few and far between, his wife says.

★ *Lieut. James Patton*, so we are told by our Nativity Episcopal informant, is in Dutch Guinea. He is LHS '35 and Lehigh '39 and when he entered the service March 13, 1941, he was doing chemical engineering research for Socony Vacuum Co. After getting into the Navy he was trained at the Philadelphia Navy Yard and Jacksonville, Fla. He's the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Patton, 640 Hamilton Avenue.

★ Word of the promotion of *Vernon E. Ebling*, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Heft, to machinist mate 3/c has been received from the Pacific station where Vern is serving with Uncle Sam's fleet. He has been 17 months "out there." March 6 was his 20th birthday. Congrats on both counts, Vern.

RED CROSS HINTS

Serviceman! Don't forget, your Red Cross can help your family:

If they need to get in touch with you in case of serious illness or death at home;

If they need help at home in time of trouble;

If they need advice about allowances, allotments, government benefits for servicemen's dependents;

If they need help preparing claims for government benefits;

If they are worried about you and want reports on your welfare.

More LETTERS . . .

★ Through a letter from *Pvt. Thomas Chovan*, who is at Fort Ord, Calif., we hear thusly: "At present I am in the amphibian tractor battalion where we do not have any dry runs. There are several Bethlehem boys in this outfit, *Pvt. Linsenbigler, Corp. Pescek* and others. They all send their regards and thanks for Stars."

★ Dated December 10 is a fine long letter from *T/Sgt. Henry O. Albright* attached to a bomb squadron of the Army Airforce somewhere in Italy. First of all he says, "I read the articles in the fourth issue about myself and how you say I am outspoken. I'm telling you that you weren't joking, for none of my friends are near me and I seldom hear from them. I think the reason is that most of them know me as 'Cookie' and don't recognize me by any other name."

The sarg says he is "on the wagon for the duration" so the Italian "vino" doesn't interest him, but he thinks there are certain, shall we say, flora and fauna, indigenous to Italy that may be of interest to some of his buddies. "I think a lot of fellows would enjoy this place far more than I do," he writes. "I'll trade places with any of those ambitious lads back there in the states with pleasure." He goes on to say, "I am working on Liberators and to me they are the best there is. I'll challenge anyone who says a Fortress is better, and I don't mean maybe!"

★ Signatures of *Pfc. Gordon Achey, Pfc. William H. Cann, Pvt. William C. Acker, Pvt. Morris J. Litrenta, Pfc. Ray J. Minnich* and of *Pfc. John J. Thomas* are to be found in a letter to Stars from Achey, who was stationed at the time of writing (November) in England along with the five other men. He wrote: "In regards to other Bethlehemites in the armed forces, I wish to call your attention to some who are here with me in the European theatre of operations; we have been together for the past eight months and have found our companionship of great value. Life in England is very interesting. We are looking forward to the day when we can come back to the home town."

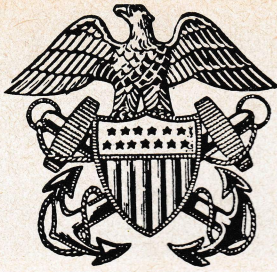
★ When last heard of, *Pfc. Albert C. Moyer*, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert B. Moyer, 511 Spring street, was attached to Material Center, Flight Base, Muroc, Calif. He entered the service December 5, 1942 and was given his basic at Miami Beach, Fla.

★ *Lieut. (jg) Jacob E. Snyder* writes as follows to friends in College Hill Moravian Church: "Have received several copies of "Stars in the Service," and it has made interesting reading although I do not remember many of the boys. I do get a kick out of trying to remember where the streets are and find my memory is not as good as it used to be. I am now completing fifteen months of overseas duty and have seen action in the Caribbean, North Atlantic and Mediterranean areas.

"I have participated in three campaigns and also took part in the original landings of troops in Sicily and Italy aboard an infantry landing craft. We did not make the original landings in Africa, but got in on the tail end of that campaign. I am now in England and had a three day leave which I spent in London. Had a wonderful time."

The accompanying snap shows him in North Africa just after returning from the invasion of Italy. He said he was "very happy to be alive" at that time.

★ Instead of writing about herself, *Corpl. Dorothy A. Wolfe* of the WAC tells us about her brother, *Robert*, who recently was promoted to seaman first class and who is somewhere on the Pacific with the battle fleet. "In his latest letter, Corp. Wolfe says, "he teased me about my promotion to corporal, which is equivalent to his seaman first class. From now on it will be a friendly battle to see who advances first. Receiving 'Stars' and comparing incidents like the above are little things that help maintain the high morale of the service." Corp. Wolfe asked us to get her brother's picture from her mother. It couldn't be managed this time. Over 175 pictures came to us through the churches and that is a big order. When you write home next time, ask your mother to send in the picture through her church service committee.



THE NAVY IN HOME WATERS

"Fleets In — Every Man For Himself"

★ Latest addition to the naval service from St. John's Slovak Lutheran *Michael Macey, S 2/c*, is now stationed as a Seaman's Guard at Cabannis Field, Corpus Christi, Texas. His brother, *Stephen*, first allocated to the Navy, at the last moment was switched to the Marines. His temporary address is Recruit Depot, Marine Base, Parris Island, S. C. Entered service in March.



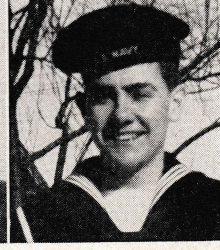
Howard Host



Robert Danner



Paul Keener



James McGeady

★ *Benjamin Shaner, S 2/c* in the Navy Quartermaster school at Bainbridge, Md., has been able to get home regularly since he's been there.

★ *Warren Wasser, S 2/c*, was able to be home from Sampson on a leave at the same time that his brother *Edward* got a few days off from the Navy. Warren went from Sampson down south to New Orleans, La.

★ *Francis J. Beahm, F 2/c* is attending a naval training school at University of Illinois studying the mysteries of diesel engines.

★ From Great Lakes, Ill., comes word of *Harry C. Bell, A/S*, who finds the life to his liking.

★ *Chief Quartermaster Reisch* is now an instructor at the Naval Training base at Sampson, N. Y. Long years in the service have given him rare understanding and make him a valuable man.

★ News of *Charles Rahmer*, former officer of the Bethlehem police, is

that he is now Chief Petty Officer Rahmer. Congratulations! He has been stationed in Harrisburg for some time but with his new uniform, perhaps he will be given a new post.

★ March 18 was a red-letter day for the family of *Robert Gregg, S 3/c*, for he dropped in from Camp Bradford, Va., on a surprise visit.

★ *Joseph A. Maize* of 74 West North Street, is on Shore Patrol duty between Chicago and Buffalo.

★ *John More, S 2/c*, now in Memphis, Tenn., would like to hear from College Hill friends.

★ The art of being a gunners mate is being studied by *Donald C. Beltzner, S 2/c*, at Sampson, where he recently completed his boot work. Don is the son of Mrs. F. S. Beltzner, 627 Second Avenue, and a member of Holy Trinity Lutheran church.

★ Boston, Mass., is the present post of *Barry W. Barnett, S 1/c*, member of Christ Lutheran church, HELLERTOWN, and son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Barnett of that place. He has been in the Navy since September 1, 1943, and after boot at Sampson, was at the Quartermaster school, Bainbridge, Md. He is a graduate of HELLERTOWN Hi and a former Steel worker.

★ Of *Paul G. Keener, S 2/c*, Stars learns that he has completed boot training at Sampson and is now learning the art of being a Navy storekeeper. He is still at Sampson. Paul attended Tech Hi and is a former Steel employee.

★ *John Shields* is now in the Merchant Marine and is in training at Brooklyn, N. Y.

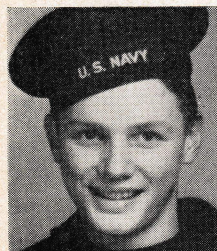
★ *Richard M. Faust, W.T. 2/c*, is enjoying a well deserved 30 days after spending a year in the South Pacific. His service ribbon contains stars for participation in the Guadalcanal, Bougainville and Munda campaigns.

★ *James Zimmerman* has just completed his boot training at Sampson. He was graduated from the Fountain Hill High School in 1938 where he starred as a guard on the Basketball team. Following school days he was a member of the Fountain Hill American Legion Baseball team and secured his first job in the stockroom at McCrory's, from which he went to the Saucon Shipping Department of Bethlehem Steel. At the time of his induction he had been promoted to Assistant Foreman. In September, 1942, he was married to Gertrude Conrad.

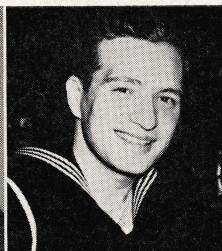
★ *David Robert King* left for his boot training February 10 and was assigned to the same company as *Wilbur Miller* at the Great Lakes Training Station, and they were pals during this period. Bobby was a familiar figure at the fruit counter in front of the Mohican Market prior to his induction. He was active in sports, earning a letter during his high school days for his work in soccer. As extra-curricular activities he played with the American Legion Baseball Team and with the United Team in the City Basketball league.

★ April is graduation month for *Howard W. Host, S 2/c*, who has been attending radio school at Sampson, N. Y. He expects either advanced schooling or sea duty as soon as he has his diploma. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Host, 3 East Elizabeth Avenue. A member of the class of '43 at LHS, Host was in both band and orchestra. His friends know him as "Nip."

★ *James McGeady* now is seaman second class and is stationed at Fleet Sound school, Key West, Fla., LHS '43, he boot trained at Sampson after leaving his employment with Steel to join the Navy.



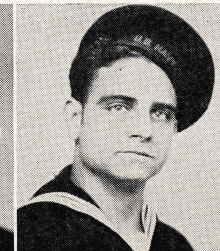
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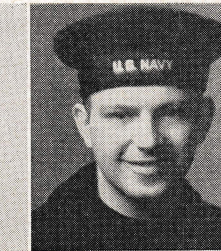
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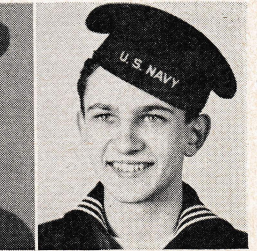
David King



Stanley Gallagher



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Paul Urffer



Conrad Seifert



Walter Barnett



Elwood Kemmerle



Jacob Ludwig, Jr.



Don Beltzner



Elmer Fretz

★ *Conrad H. Seifert, S 1/c*, U. S. Coast Guard, is presently assigned to gunnery school at St. Augustine, Fla., where he is learning to call his shots and put one in the corner pocket any time. He has been at St. Augustine since January, before which he was at Ft. Trumbull, New London, Conn. Seifert entered the service October 12, 1942 and was first at Manhattan Beach, N. Y., for his preliminary training. After four months he was sent to New London. His home address in Bethlehem is 1023 Spring Street.

★ Navy life appeals to *Walter A. Alexander, S 2/c*, now at Great Lakes, Ill.

★ Trinity Reformed church, Free-mansburg, has a star in its service flag for *Paul E. Urffer*, son of Mrs. Florence Urffer and grandson of School Director and Mrs. E. J. Urffer of that place. Paul is stationed at NTS Electricians' school, Moorehead, Ky. Prior to his enlistment he was a student at Liberty Hi. He has the good wishes of his fellow town-folk.

★ Thomas Fleischer is now an ensign in training at Princeton University. Fleischer left February for Great Lakes training station for his basic work, but shortly after his arrival his commission came through and he was assigned to Princeton.

★ *Jacob H. Ludwig, Jr.*, member of the Navy's V-12 program at the University of Pennsylvania, is training to be one of those guys who can make you say "ouch" after he gets you in a head lock. No, not a wrestler—a dentist. He's following in his father's footsteps, Dad being a dentist, too. Jack's a senior at Penn and has charge of the University Settlement dental clinic. He enlisted in May of 1942.

★ *Samuel D. Sweeney, S 2/c*, sustained a real disappointment since the last issue of Stars. Scheduled to sail with the first ship manned by an all-Negro crew, Sam was taken ill just before time to weigh anchor and was clapped into the Naval hospital at Norfolk, Va. There he has recovered and is now convalescing.

★ *Raymond T. Mohrey, V-12* at Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), Cambridge, Mass., expects to graduate in June. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond S. Mohrey, 941 Cambridge Street.

★ Bethlehem is well represented in service musical organizations. *Dale R. Reichley* for instance, is playing the alto horn in his company band and tooting in the drum and bugle corps at Great Lakes Training station, where he has been in boot training since February 10. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Reichley, 1216 Wood Street, and a former member of LHS band, where he graduated in '39. Dale worked for Bethlehem Steel and is married to Virginia Cafrey, of Easton.

★ In training at Bainbridge, Md., is *Henry G. Koehler, Jr.*, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Koehler, 815 Hess Street. He left for service March 10. He is a former Steel company employee.

★ Bainbridge, Md., is the present station of *Raymond B. Yard*, hospital apprentice learning his "trade" at the U. S. Naval hospital there. Son of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Yard, 626 East Locust Street, he entered the service last September 23 and took his prelims at Sampson, N. Y. Assigned to Bainbridge, he graduated from Hospital Corps school January 14 and then entered the hospital for advanced training. He's B.H.S., class of '43.



Raymond Yard



Algier Shiner



Raymond Mohrey

★ Stationed at Memphis, Tenn., since completion of his boot at Sampson, N. Y., *Robert Danner, S 2/c*, finds Navy life agreeing with him. He was home on a visit not long ago and certainly looked fine—so his friends said.

★ As one Navy man to another, *Elmer E. Fretz, S 2/c*, looks the prospective "bootie" in the eye at the Naval recruiting station in Boston Mass., and says, "you're in, bud." He was sent to Boston from Sampson. Fretz, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Fretz, Butztown, joined up December 28, 1943, leaving his employment at the Bethlehem Steel plant as a crane operator.

★ Friends of *Elwood Clewell, F 1/c*, rejoiced recently to learn that he has been discharged from the Naval hospital at Quantico, Va., where he had been confined with scarlet fever.

★ Working hard in the Philadelphia Naval Hospital, *Robert Hitchins* aims some day to become a doctor.

★ Pastor Reuben Gross of Edgeboro Moravian church received this communication from *Ken Buss, EM 3/c*, on duty in the Aleutians: "Yes, I got 'Stars' three weeks ago (written in February) and read every word of it. It's really got the works. It was sopping wet when it arrived; maybe the Navy towed it out! The sooner the next one arrives, the better I'll like it." Glad it was readable, Ken. Hope this one arrives dry.

★ *William "Bill" L. Gorcsan* is attending radio school at the Navy's air station at Traverse City, Mich., where he has been since last July. He was inducted February 25, 1943, sent to Sampson, N. Y., and transferred to Clinton, Okla., for his basic. He's a graduate of Tech. Hi, '41, and the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gorcsan, 414 East 4th Street.

★ *Stanley Gallagher, S 1/c*, is stationed at Armed Guard center, Brooklyn, N. Y. He's the son of Mr. and Mrs. George Gallagher, 344 Water Street, and a member of Holy Trinity Lutheran church.

WITH THE LEATHERNECKS

"The Situation Is Well In Hand"



★ *Pvt. Foster D. Lapp*, son of Mr. and Mrs. Foster D. Lapp, 633 Dellwood Street, is now stationed at Parris Island. Known as "Reds," he enlisted in the Marines during his senior year in Bethlehem High. He graduated in June, 1943, and was inducted in July. He was stationed at Penn State College and was transferred to Parris Island last February. Foster writes, "Life is far different here than it was at Penn State. You are a man when they get done with you down here. We march all day till our noses scrape the ground. The food is good but a box from home is a real treat. And when it comes time

★ *Pfc. William McNear* recently shipped out of Camp LeJeune to San Diego, Calif.

★ Training at San Diego, Calif., is *Henry Douglass*, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Douglas and member of Salem Lutheran church. He entered the V-12 program at Notre Dame July 1, 1943, and was transferred West.

★ *Maurice Price*, Edgeboro Moravian, has been undergoing training at Parris Island, S. C., since February 13.

★ *Pvt. Charles Heffelfinger* is taking his boot training down at Parris Is-

★ *Cpl. Robert P. Landrock* is back at Camp LeJeune, S. C., after a stay at Edgewood Arsenal, Md.

★ Stars regrets to hear of the death of *Elmer Miller*, father of *Granville Miller*, who is serving in the Marines. We send our sympathy to the members of the family.

★ *Noble Bishop*, MM 2/c, left for the South Pacific with his Sea-Bee Unit just shortly before his son, *Robert*, EM 2/c, arrived home for his first leave in twenty-two months. Robert had some interesting experiences with the Task forces in the Pacific.



Foster Lapp



Henry Douglas



William Farrell



Richard Lee, Jr.

to hit the hay we really need it."

★ *Lieut. Cornelius T. Montgomery, Jr.*, now sports his wings, having completed his flight training and become a full-fledged member of the Devil Dog flying Jap busters. He is in San Pedro, Calif.

★ Uncle Sam's Marines are "a rugged outfit" according to *Pvt. Walter Sturdevant*, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sturdevant, 311 Diamond Street, now at Montford Pt., Camp LeJeune, N. C.

★ *Cpl. John Myers, Jr.*, also at Camp LeJeune, adds his few words of praise to those of Sturdevant with "a swell gang."

★ *Pfc. Harold Gunkle* is on duty at Dover, N. J. He enlisted January, 1943, in the Marines and went through the usual ropes at Parris Island, S. C. He's the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Gunkle, 22 West Ettwein Street.

land, S. C. A former steel employee, he entered the Corps March 6 last.

★ Tales of heroic deeds come daily from the South Pacific where battle action flames and the Corps carries on its proud traditions and young Americans write their names on the great scroll of honor. Among our Marines from this community now engaged in this warfare is *Pfc. Monroe L. Peters*, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Peters, Dodson Street, Fountain Hill, former Steel employee. Peters entered the service in December of 1942, trained at Camp LeJeune, S. C., and was shipped overseas.

★ Experiences he never expected are his lot these days writes *Pvt. William Farrell* from the Marshall Islands. There's plenty going on out there, if newspaper and radio reports are to be credited. Bill is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Farrell, 912 High Street, and a member of Nativity church.

★ *Corp. Donald L. Shellenberger*, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Shellenberger, 832 Hawthorne Road, submits the following jingle as another reason why the letters sometimes are few. He disclaims authorship, attributing it to one Corp. MacWilliams. Here it is:-

CENSORITIS

*The Censor says I can't say much,
Can't talk of so and so and such;
Can't even say we're having
weather,
Or you'd put two and two to-
gether.
Can't say just where I am, or what,
Can't tell you why, or if, or but;
Can't tell you what we do, or
don't,
Of if we might, or will, or won't.
But I can send my Best to you
Without restriction—so I do.*

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SEA-BEES

"We Build"



NAVY IN THE AIR

★ *Elwood T. Kemmerle, S 2/c*, attached to a special battalion of the Sea-Bees, is now stationed at Camp Rosseau, Calif., to which place he was sent at the end of his short post-training furlough. Kemmerle entered the Bees November 5, 1943, and took his boot training at Camp Peary, Williamsburg, Va. He's the son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kemmerle, 545 Main Street, and was in the display department at Bush & Bull before entering the service.

★ As this is written, *Algier C. Shiner, M 2/c* is enjoying a visit from his wife at his post in Gulfport, Miss. Shiner joined the Sea-Bees in August of last year and went through boot training at Camp Peary, Va., and advanced schooling at Camp Endicott, R. I. He is a one-time Bethlehem steel employee.

★ *Frederick S. Detweiler, Y 3/c*, is with the Sea-Bees and is taking advanced training at Joliet, Ill. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey F. Detweiler and member of Salem Lutheran church, he entered the service July 5, 1943, and received his boot training at Camp Peary, Williamsburg, Va. He is a former Bethlehem steel employee.

★ A machinist mate third class now is *Maynard Washeim*, who is somewhere in California. He was first at Camp Peary, Williamsburg, Va., and then moved to Camp Endicott, R. I. Maynard is a graduate of Bethlehem Hi and a former Steel employee.

★ Overseas in the South Pacific since February 28, *James W. Lamb, 19*, is proving the theory that an American can turn his hand to anything and make a success of it. He is a graduate of Tech Hi, class of '43, and was working for Steel when he entered the service, October 1, 1943. He went first to Camp Peary, then to Gulfport, Miss., then to Port Hueneme, Calif., from which place he sailed for active duty. He's the son of Mr. and Mrs. Foster Lamb, 417 Pawnee Street.

★ Of *Fred T. Beckel*, who held a private pilot's license at the Allentown-Bethlehem airport, given him June 29, 1940, by the CAA, Stars learns that he now is a lieutenant junior grade and is stationed at the Naval air post, Ottumwa, Iowa. He was assigned to Ottumwa after he received his wings and ensign's commission June 26, 1943, and is a pilot instructor there. His latest advance came March 1, 1944. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. F. T. Beckel, 1841 Sycamore.

★ *Lt. Charles T. Edwards* has been seeing action in the Pacific offensives in his role of carrier plane pilot.

★ Double trouble dogged *Jimmy Pondelek, ARM 2/c*, some time ago, for he was in two plane crashes in quick succession, in each of which he had his wrist broken—the same one each time. Now, however, this St. John's Windish lad is at Jacksonville, Fla., teaching fighter pilots the fundamentals of radio. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Pondelek and has been in the Navy since May 8, 1942, receiving his boot training at Newport, R. I. He was looking forward to being home for Easter.

★ *Lieut. Neil Carothers, III*, at Pawtuxen, Md., has recently won his Navy wings. He had a visit home a short time ago.

★ Stars' latest word of *George E. Meyers, S 1/c*, is that he is stationed at Pensacola, Fla., in advanced school. He is an aviation machinist mate. He entered the Navy July 22, 1943, and was sent to Sampson, N. Y. After eight weeks he went on to Norman, Okla., to study aviation mechanics and emerged with his mate's rating. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Elvin E. Meyers, 606 West Union Boulevard.



James Pondelek



Richard Gosztonyi



Fred Beckel



George Myers

★ *Robert Rohrbach, S 2/c*, is in Port Hueneme, Calif. He and Mrs. Rohrbach, the former Shirley Smith, are the very happy parents of a little daughter, Carol. Rohrbach hails from Catasauqua and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Preston Rohrbach.

★ Recent advices, as the daily press would say, inform us that *LeRoy J. Dimmick, S 2/c*, is now in England. A Hellertonian, Dimmick trained at Camp Endicott, R. I. Before entering service he was employed by—what ho!—the Bethlehem Fabricators! (Fooled you that time!) He is

the son of Marguerite Dimmick, 250 High Street, Hellertown.

★ Hawaiian scenery is very beautiful, but "the female situation is dark," writes *William L. Rudolph, MM 2/c*, to his mother, Mrs. Leonard Rudolph, Sr., 527 16th Avenue. Bill enlisted in the Sea-Bees September 4, 1943, booted at Camp Perry, Va., and was sent to Camp Thomas, R. I. In December he was sent out to Port Hueneme, Calif., and in February went to Hawaii as a member of the famous "Fighting Boilermakers."



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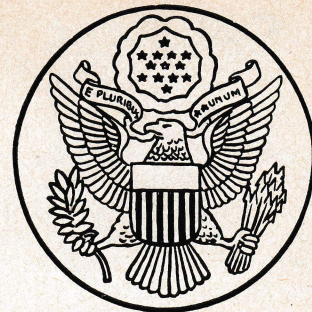
Robert Rohrbach



LeRoy Dimmick

THE ARMY ON THE HOME LOAM

"Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory!"



★ *Pfc. Robert Strasburg*, a horn tooter in the division band at Camp Claiborne, La., calls Walter R. Strasburg, Bethlehem city building inspector, "Dad." He has been at Claiborne for some time and his letters home often referred to the mud and tough going.

★ Hospitalized for some time, *Pvt. Robert Thornburg*, at Ft. Bragg, S. C., has completely recovered. Bob's Christmas cards caused plenty of admiration for the cleverness.

★ *Gordon J. Fiegel* is taking advanced training at Ft. Knox, Ky., in the armored services school, having already completed the primary course in which he started upon induction into the Army last October. Gordon is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George Fiegel, 253 East Ettwein Street. Before entering the service he attended the Sparton School of Aeronautics at Tulsa, Okla., and the Atlantic School of Aeronautics at Newark, N. J. These two courses entitled him to graduation honors at Liberty Hi with the class of '43. About June 1 he expects his first furlough.

★ Friends and family of *Pvt. Nervin Benner* greeted him on a recent visit home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Asa Benner, 527 Wyandotte Street.

★ *Pvt. George Strohl, ASTP*, has been transferred to Texas and is with the Infantry.

★ Marks of 93-98 are being turned in by *Earl Leonard, ASTP* at the University of Alabama. His record is one to be proud of.

★ *Corp. Lloyd Davies*, now stationed at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., was home for a short furlough. He had been on intensive maneuvers in Louisiana.

★ *William Highfield*, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Highfield, West Union Boulevard, has been transferred to OCS at Fort Meade from Lehig.

★ *Cpl. Charles Parker*, brother of Pvt. P. C. Parker, now in Italy, is at Wilmington, Calif. He tells the folks at home he "likes the service fine."

★ *Pvt. Emory Calloway*, now at Indiantown Gap, finds the service t ughens a fellow up. He is a recent inductee.

★ Corporal's stripes recently came the way of *John Watson, Jr.*, who has been transferred from Camp Stewart, Ga., to Camp Lee, Va.

★ Also sporting corporal's stripes now is *Raymond Campbell*, whose ambition is to keep on up grade as far as he can go.

★ His talents in music are paying dividends for *Cpl. Henry T. Rae*, former student in music at Temple University, who is entertaining his soldier mates at Camp Lee, Va. He was a senior at Temple when the bugle blew. Now he is clerk in the special service office.

★ *Cpl. George Stokes, Jr.*, Hellertown, is attached to the Military Police at Burbank, Calif.

★ A good word for the now defunct and once much abused CCC camps comes from *Cpl. George Morton*, who says that he finds the rigorous life he led in one of the camps is standing him in good stead now.

★ *Pfc. Joseph Skulteti*, has returned to Fort Custer, Michigan after an absence of almost two years.

★ From Texas to his friends in Nativity church comes word that "*Bill*" Coffman certainly isn't starving. There are very good meals being served by a very nice girl in a very nice home, he has written them.

★ *Sgt. Julius Ozdinec*, at Camp Edwards, found, upon return to camp after his last visit with Mrs. Ozdinec, that his B 'n was shipped during his furlough. Since he wasn't there, an-

other Sergeant replaced him. It was a break, good or bad, he didn't say.

★ *Lt. Gordon J. Wavrek*, although not a Bethlehem boy, did find a wife here, marrying Edith Unkle. He is serving somewhere overseas. According to recent correspondence, he is near some of the ancient cities mentioned in the Bible.

★ *Pvt. Russell Lyons*, formerly of Bethlehem and before his induction into the Army, a resident of Phillipsburg, N. J., is receiving some of his training at Ft. Eustis, Va.

★ It is now *Sgt. Lloyd Lewis*, chief cook of a Medical Detachment, cavorting in maneuvers in Louisiana.

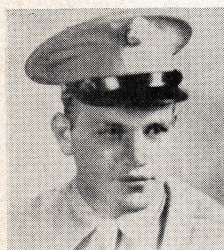
★ *Lieut. Harry Hydusik*, is now continuing Signal Operations work at San Diego, Cal.

★ *Pvt. Andrew Wida*, having exhausted potentialities of the desert, after a year working on guns, is now down to serious business at Camp Polk, La.

★ *Pfc. Reuben Moore* is at Hunter Field, Savannah, Ga.

★ At Camp Croft, S. C., from July 9, 1943 until January of this year, the whereabouts of *Pvt. Maynard A. Pearce* was unknown when this item was turned in. He is a member of First E. & R. church and a former worker at Bethlehem Steel.

★ Recent inductees from West Side Moravian are *Walter Leh* and *Wilbur Benner*, both of whom leave families, including small children, at home. Walter worked at the Steel and Wilbur at Bethlehem Foundry before going into service.



Harry Mann, Jr.



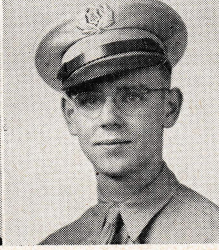
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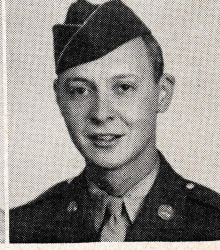
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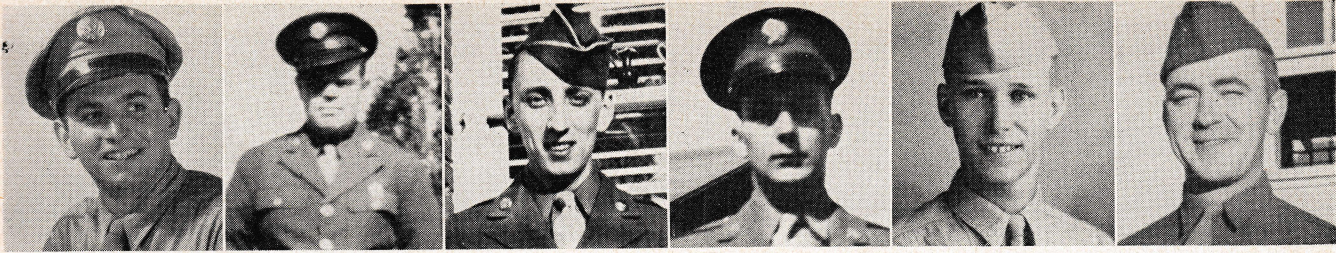
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Robert Strasburg



Albert Koehler

Louis Pors

Mark Beltz, Jr.

Charles Place

Harry Compton, Jr.

Warren Mervine

★ *Pvt. Louis Pors*, of whom it has been said at home that he hated like the dickens to walk, now is toting his tootsies 18 miles per day at Camp Lee, Va., where he is attached to the Laundry unit. He has been in service since last Christmas. Louie is a member of Holy Trinity Lutheran church and lived at 510 Fourth Avenue when at home.

★ *Cpl. Warren Mervine*, son of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Mervine, 2nd Avenue, is doing his second "hitch" in Uncle Sam's Army. He signed up for the second time last September.

★ March 30 was the 20th birthday of *Pvt. Mark A. Beltz, Jr.* He celebrated his third month in the Army on the 17th at Ft. Knox, Ky., where he is stationed with the Armored division training for combat. He was inducted November 26 and left December 17 for service. His family live on 6th Avenue.

★ *Harry W. Compton* is training at Camp Butner, N. C., with the infantry but he took a round-about course getting there, for he left State College, went to Camp Wolters, Texas, and thence went to Wayne University, Detroit, Mich., where he was a member of the ASTP.

★ *Pvt. Charles R. Place* is with the Military Police at Camp Lee, Va. He has had active duty. Charlie is the son of George Place, Bath Pike.

★ *Lieut. Paul Stoneback* is well and gets occasional weekend passes to be with his family.

★ *Lieut. Joseph Heller* is stationed at Camp Blanding, Fla., teaching at the Infantry replacement center.

★ *Pfc. Clarence S. Williams* recently spent a furlough with his wife and mother. He has been transferred to Buffalo, N. Y.

★ *Robert Young* has been chosen for Officer Candidate school and is specializing in finance at Aberdeen, Md.

★ We are told that *Robert Standing* has won a tough bout with OI Debbil Pneumonia and now is back on the drill field, obstacle course and rifle range at Jefferson Barracks, Mo.

★ *Pt. Albert Sturdevant*, stationed at Camp John K. Knight, Ashland, Calif., has grown very fond of that sunny clime and lets his friends back home know that he'd like to live there—maybe.

★ Ft. DuPont is just a stone's throw from Bethlehem and *Corp. Warren K. Yeager*, recently transferred there from Ft. Sam Houston, Texas, now is able to get home most weekends to be with his wife, Margaret, which doesn't make him mad, you can bet. He's the son of Mr. and Mrs. Christ Yeager.

★ *Pfc. Sam Engel* is a busy lad at Camp Swift, Texas, where he is a member of an infantry outfit. Among other things, he is connected with chapel work at camp and finds the life enjoyable. He is the husband of an Allentown girl, Betty Adams, and he and the "missus" live on North Oswego Street in that city. Sam attended the First Baptist Church here before entering the service.

★ San Carlos, Calif., is the present home of *John C. Cunningham*, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Cunningham, 1733 Easton Avenue. John was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Qm. Corps December 10, 1943. He entered the service July 26, 1943 and trained at Camp Lee, Va.

★ *Charles Fritz* completed his training at the Wake Forrest College, Army School of Finance, and is most popular with all the fellows at Fort George G. Meade, as the paymaster.

★ *Pvt. Harry L. Breiner*, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Breiner, 644 Leibert Street, is at Camp Blanding, Fla.

★ Friends of *Lieut. George Miller* greeted him recently when he was home from California on a brief visit. He is transportation officer for a base hospital unit.

★ The Army got *Austin Cook*, son of Mr. and Mrs. George F. Cook, January 11, 1944, and hied him off to Ft. McClellan, Ala. There he is learning Army ways. He's a Tech Hi grad. and a former employe of Bethlehem Steel and Kurtz Brothers.

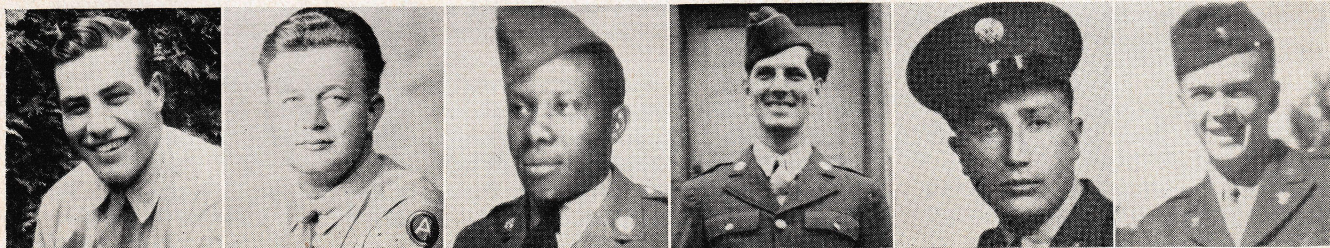
★ *Pfc. Robert C. Rehm* is in Norfolk, Va. Bob thinks Bethlehem is "tops" and hopes the old town will be just "as is" when he gets home to stay.

★ *Dave Zehner* was home on a furlough plus 25 pounds of meat on his bones. He has been in the medical department at the Woodrow Wilson hospital, Staunton, Va., but was expecting orders to go overseas at the time of his furlough.

★ *Paul Bishop, Jr.*, killed two birds with one stone, or almost, for on December 18 he was married in the Lansdowne Presbyterian church to charming Miss Mary Ruth Decker and on December 22 was graduated with his degree as doctor of medicine from the University of Pennsylvania. He was immediately commissioned a first lieutenant in the Reserve and is now interning at the Williamsport hospital.

★ *Pvt. Saul C. Roth* has been fortunate enough to be stationed so near home that he manages a visit now and then.

★ *Pvt. Howard T. Erney*, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Erney, 706 Fiot Avenue, is at Fort Sill, Okla. He was inducted May 8, 1942.



Floyd Brader

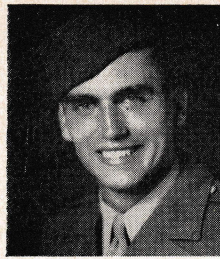
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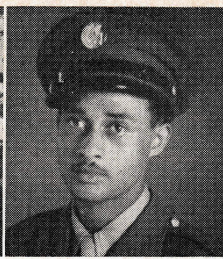
Henry Kreidler



Richard Hoffert



John Goodwin



Walter Kent



Harry Breiner



Roland Lasso

★ Fine work being done by *Pvt. Harry Stonum* at Camp Meade, Md., has won him commendation.

★ *Pvt. Albert E. Hartung* is at Kenyon College, Kenyon, Ohio. He was a student at Lehigh University before entering the service so college life is familiar to him.

★ *Pfc. John Godfrey, Jr.*, is still at Childress, Texas. Of him his friends are remarking, "Long time, no see."

★ *Pvt. Robert Repsher* has been at Camp Davis, N. C. In civilian life he was an expert on the Sousaphone, having played with the Tall Cedar band, the Municipal band and the Legion band.

★ March was furlough time for *Cpl. Walter Zollinger*, who came home upon completion of a training period at Ohio State University. He expected assignment to a reconnaissance unit.

★ His 21st birthday safely behind him in April, *Cpl. Floyd Brader* now seeks new worlds to conquer. He is at Camp Hulen, Texas, where he recently received his present grade. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Brader, Hellertown, R. D. 1., and was inducted January, 1943. He received his basic training at Camp Tyson, Tenn., and there became acquainted with that successor to the Army mule, the Jeep, one of which he drove about the reservation.

★ Busy with his work in Amphibious operations is *Pvt. Roland Lasso*, now at Camp Gordon Johnston, Fla., where he was sent from Camp Edwards, Mass. He's the son of Mrs. Irene Lasso, 350 New Street, Freemansburg, and entered the service August 6, 1943.

★ Among the many publications now going to men in service is "Link," put out by the Service Men's Christian League. West Side Moravian Church, John Groenfeldt, pastor, sends this excellent booklet to all these listed on the church service roster and reports very enthusiastic comments from recipients.

More LETTERS

★ "Just a few lines to thank all of you who make Stars possible," writes *Pvt. Robert W. Sloyer* from Truax Field, Madison, Wis., in a letter dated January 10. "Previous to my entering the service I was a member of the first E.S.M.W.T. class to complete the radio course at Lehigh University. Other members of the class who are here at Truax Field with me are *Edwin Young, Jr., Irvin C. Semmel, Melvin Link, Leland Copper* and *Robert Kellog*."

"*Joseph Cassano, Robert Hartzell, Barry Grubb, Edward McFadden* and *Thomas Rowe* are studying at Scott Field, Ill. *James Zeiner, Russell Erdman, Edward Mulhearn, William Kuti* and *Clifford Raidline* were in Texas as aviation cadets the last I heard of them. *Elmer Reschke*, also a member of the class, was at Camp Crowder, Mo., but has been shipped to P. O. E."

Boy, that's really telling a lot in a little space, Bob! Thanks.

★ Seeing movie stars Ray Milland, Frances Fay, Mary Elliot and Rosito Moreno furnished a thrill to *Pvt. Richard Rentzheimer*, somewhere in the Pacific with the medical detachment, a letter from him says.

★ "There are quite a few men from Bethlehem here at camp with me," writes *Sgt. C. H. Keeler* from Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo., listing *S/Sgt. Jack Carl, Pfc. John Hippensteel, Pvt. Jack Fenton, Pvt. Curly Symons, Cpl. Reds Davis* and *Cpl. Dotter*, and others. "I am one of three boys of our family in the service," Keeler says, naming Bill and George, his brothers.

★ Acknowledging *Pvt. Bob Lorrh's* V-mail notice of change of address. Bob is in Italy.

★ Acknowledging with thanks the post card mailed from Camp Lee, Va. by *Pvt. Louis J. Pors*, who says that "I am thankful for the book (Stars). It really pleased me to read about my friends after just finishing a 25 mile hike and a 24-hour tour of guard duty."

★ Air mail from England and post-marked April 3 by APO, comes a very interesting letter from *S Sgt. Fred Reichard* acknowledging receipt of February Stars. "Except for a few newspapers that I sometimes receive, and letters from home, this magazine is the only news I get from Bethlehem," he writes.

"I haven't been fortunate enough to meet any one from Bethlehem, though I have met a few boys from Pennsylvania; in fact, all the time I've been in service I have never met any one from home.

"I find England very interesting and quaint. Our own Church Street in Bethlehem is very typical of the ordinary English streets. The English customs are very much like ours. One of the amazing things one sees here is the way these people are behaving under the terrific strain they have been under for almost five years. No matter where you go, you can hear these people singing or joking. They work very hard and what little time they have to themselves is made the most of.

"Rationing is very strict here, compared to what it is in the U. S. You soon get used to drinking tea and coffee with very little sugar. All this is grand and useful experience, and I've really learned one thing — I know now how lucky I am to be an American."

★ Attention, *Sgt. Robert Roberts!* Copies of Stars have been mailed regularly to you with each issue since your name has been on Trinity's list. Hope you get this one, out there in your Southwest Pacific post. We can't guarantee delivery, with the mails as they are plus the hazards of war. Let us know if this one reaches you.

★ Dated March 14, a letter from *Ed. R. A. Miller* says, "Am still down in Mississippi, but expect to be California-bound soon. We are still fighting the 'battle of Gulfport'. Anyone who has been in the service will know what that means; The weather here is already very warm . . . but I'd sure trade it and the South for good measure, to be back in good old Bethlehem."



CORPORAL AND BRIDE

★ Mrs. Frank Sever, Jr., shown above with her husband, Corporal Sever, Army Engineers, was happily surprised March 17 when her hubby came home for a visit until the 29 from Orlando Air Base, Orlando, Fla., where he is attached to the Air Forces. Mrs. Sever is the former Bertha Balek, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Balek, Hillside Ave. She was married to the corporal late last year and shortly before she came home was able to spend a month at Orlando with him. Cpl. Sever was inducted in April of 1941 and spent his first months at Ft. Belvoir, Va. Later he went to Langley Field.

★ Richard Gosztonyi, Naval Air Cadet, and Miss Betty Buss, 81 East Laurel Street, recently became engaged, a note on the tag end of a bit of news of Dick informs us. He is at the Glenview, Ill., Naval Air Station for three months of training and will go from there to Corpus Christi, Texas, to finish up, receive his wings and his commission as an ensign.

★ A recent wedding of interest was that of Miss Virginia Irene Barton and Sgt. Ernest B. Barthold, solemnized in the evening in Christ E. & R. church by Pastor A. A. Welsh and the Rev. T. R. Jeffrey, Wesley Methodist church.

The bride was given in marriage by her uncle, Mr. Harold Kreidler, and was attended by her sister, Miss Sarah Elizabeth Barton. She wore grey crepe with matching accessories and corsage of orchids. Her sister was in black with gardenias. A dinner was served in the Hotel Bethlehem and the couple left immediately afterwards for Salina, Kansas, where Sgt. Barthol is a member of the crew of a B-29 bomber.

DANIEL CUPID

★ February 12 the engagement of Sgt. Albert A. Koehler, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert A. Koehler, 1829 Richmond Avenue, and Miss Evelyn May Schaffer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl E. Schaffer, Bethlehem, was announced by Mr. and Mrs. Schaffer. Sgt. Koehler is attached to an anti-aircraft artillery unit at Camp Butner, N. C. He is a graduate of Liberty High School and prior to entering the armed forces, May 29, 1943, attended Lehigh University where he was a member of Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity. Miss Schaffer's father is city treasurer.

★ Lieut. William W. Crawford and Miss Nancy Brown Reid were made man and wife in the Third Presbyterian church, Pittsburgh. Shortly thereafter, brother Lieut. Jack Crawford espoused Miss Martha Jane Tennant in the Shadyside Presbyterian church, also Pittsburgh. Bill is aide to the commanding general at Camp McCoy, Wisc., while Jack is a medical officer at Camp Gruber, Okla.

★ Cpl. Allen Chinn, Ft. Myers, Va., recently took unto himself a bride, a Washington, D. C., girl.

★ S/Sgt. John Lintner and Mary Rosati, Bethlehemites, are receiving congratulations on their recent marriage. The knot was tied February 26 in First Moravian church. Sgt. Lintner is at present in Orlando, Fla.

★ Sgt. Ella Ladachy of the WAC is also in line for congratulations, for she recently became Mrs. Paul Ray. The sergeant is now in Santa Ana, Calif. She recently enjoyed a furlough at home and visited friends in First Moravian church.

★ A recent wedding—March 18—was that of Lieut. Samuel Ottinger and Mary Elizabeth Rowney in the chapel on the campus of Muhlenberg College. Mrs. Ottinger is a graduate of Reading Hospital school of nursing and is on the staff at Hahnemann Hospital, Philadelphia. Her husband, a senior at Muhlenberg when he entered the army, is now at Cambridge, Mass., in the M.I.T. Radiation laboratory.

★ The engagement of John Kenneth Grube, S 1/c, U.S.N., and Miss Margaret Drew has been announced, according to word from St. Matthew's Lutheran church reporter. John is the son of Mrs. Elizabeth Grube, 1208 Maple Street.



HAPPILY MARRIED

★ This happy couple is Ensign and Mrs. William E. Wolfram, whose marriage took place at 5 o'clock at a candlelight ceremony in St. John's Lutheran Church, Easton, on Christmas Eve amidst decorations of greens and poinsettias.

Mrs. Wolfram, the former Dorothy Sampson of Phillipsburg, N. J., was attended by Miss Marion Reiter, maid of honor, and Misses Dolores Williams, Jeanne Lommason, Ruth and Lois Rudlin as bridesmaids.

Ensign Wolfram, who is a Bethlehem man, had Cpl. Robert Michler as his best man, and W/O Earl J. Smith, U.S.N., Lewis Winkler, A/S, and Ray Kesler, S2/c, as ushers. A reception at the bride's home followed.

More LETTERS . . .

★ Sports loving Pfc. Charles King, Jr., dropped a line March 10 from Cherry Point, Marine Corps air station, in which he says that "all I can do is keep hoping that someday, when we are at peace again, we may all get together and have the good times we used to. I only wish our old team which won the Class B championship in '42 in basketball might once again tangle with Recreation, Boys Club, Berries and others."

That's a thought to keep in mind, you former hardwood hardies. Look forward to reunion with the others who split the meshes.

★ "You can depend upon that visit I promised you," "Chuck" Wesner says in his latest. We'll look forward to seeing you, Chuck. He adds: "I noticed that 'Kenny' Kleckner wrote to you. I had given him several issues of the magazines. Thanks for printing my letter. Perhaps Walt Glina will see it." How about it, Walt? Did you?



THE ARMY IN THE AIR

Stettin, Emden, Keil, Frankfurt, Berlin

★ *Sgt. J. Jarosch* is another local soldier who started out in the infantry and is winding up in the Air Force. He was introduced to Army life at Camp Croft, S. C., transferred to Indiantown Gap, Pa., and then to Camp Livingston, La., where he was engaged in maneuvers. Later he was assigned to the AAF and was sent to Santa Ana, Calif., for pre-flight training. He received primary training at Tucson, Ariz., and now is an instructor at the Missoula, Montana, air base. Jarosch entered the service March 26, 1941. He's the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Jarosch of Filmore Street.

★ *Pvt. Paul E. Walton, Jr.*, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul E. Walton, Sr., of 823 North Center Street, is now stationed at Kerns, Utah, with the Army Air Force as an aviation mechanic. He enlisted last October and left November 21 for Miami Beach, Florida. He was then three months taking his basic training. He then received a 10 day furlough after which he left for Kerns, Utah. He attended Liberty High and completed the machinist course at the Bethlehem Steel Company where he was employed for three and one-half years before enlisting. He also completed the three year Penn State Extension course.

★ *Edward Young* of the Air Force is now at Kearns Field, Salt Lake City, Utah, where he was sent after a short visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Young.

★ No definite word has as yet been received on the newspaper articles regarding *Lt. Anthony Carcione*, who was reported "missing." His sister, *PFC Frances Carcione*, now stationed at Delhart, Texas, was home on furlough when word of her brother's disappearance appeared in the local papers.

★ Among the fifty-odd members of Wesley Methodist church in service is *Pvt. Robert B. McCleery*, son of Mr. and Mrs. John McCleery, 10th Avenue, now at the Iowa State College. Bob graduated at LHS in '42 and was editor-in-chief of the school publication, the "Cauldron," that year. He was a frosh at Lehigh when he entered the Air Force and has since taken a year at the University of Virginia. He was active in DeMolay "before the war."



Paul Watson

John Yaroshy

Harold Brong

Stephen Bobdick

Edward Young

Robert McCleery

★ Many local lads have gone to sunny (?) California for some part of their training and among them is *Stephen Ritoper*, son of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Ritoper of Pawnee Street, who is at Santa Ana Army Air base, Santa Ana, Calif. Steve graduated at Tech. Hi in 1943 and on July 9 entered the Army. He received his basic training at Camp Croft, S. C., and further trained at Greensboro, N. C., and Syracuse University.

★ *Pfc. Donald R. Brotzman* is at present in Fresno, Calif., taking advanced training after completion of basic work at Atlantic City and subsequent schooling with the Signal Corps at Camp Crowder, Mo. He was at Hammer Field but is now at Camp Pinedale. Don is the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Brotzman, 327 East Union Street.

★ Moody Field, Georgia, is the present station of *Pvt. Leonard R. Dimmick*, son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Dimmick, 18 West Ettwein Street, who left the order department at Steel to become an aviation student. He was inducted December 28, 1943, and took his basic at Miami Beach, Fla. Len is a graduate of LHS, class of '43, and a member of Emmanuel Evangelical Congregational Church.

★ *Pfc. Weston E. John* is studying radio at Scott Field, Ill., to which place he was sent from St. Petersburg, Fla., where he took his basic training. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Weston L. John, 626 Sixteenth Avenue, he entered the service February 27, 1943.

Lieut. Richard Marsten is right in there in the thick of things in the Italian theatre of war at last reports. He was commissioned at Chanute Field, Ill., and stationed at Walla Walla, Salt Lake and other fields before going across to Africa, where he spent several months prior to moving over to Italy.

★ *LeRoy Musselman, A/C*, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Musselman, Fairview Street, has completed one year in the Air Force and is winding up his training at the Bombardier school, Big Springs, Texas. He was a sophomore at Moravian College when he joined the service.



Stephen Ritoper

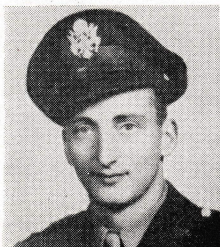
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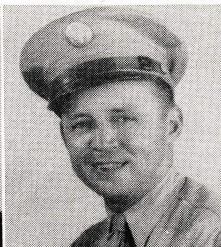
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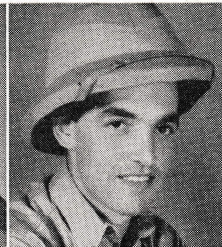
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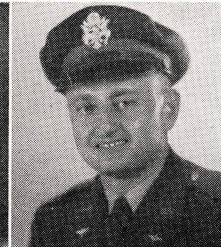
Robert Hartzell



Nicholas Marino, Jr.



Donald Renner



Luther Ritter

★ By this time *2nd Lieut. Fred M. Hagerter*, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Hagerter, 430 West North Street, and husband of the former Beatrice B. Bonser, 1408 North Center Street, may be overseas, for at last report he was awaiting assignment. Lieut. Hagerter was commissioned and received his wings at Avon Park, Fla., December 5, 1943, after basic training at Jackson, Miss., and further study at Maxwell Field, Ala., Greenville, Miss., and Columbus, Miss. He recently enjoyed a ten day furlough.

★ Latest word of *Don Drumheller* had him stationed at Sheppard Field, Wichita Falls, Texas, waiting for instructions. No doubt by now the expected orders have come and he is continuing his training. Don was home not long ago. He was inducted as an aviation cadet July 12, 1943, received his basic training at Greensboro, N. C., was sent to the University of Cincinnati with a college training unit, and was transferred from there to San Antonio, Texas, and thence to Sheppard.

★ *Merritt Fogel*, brother of Lt. Maurice Fogel, now in England, is in training as an air cadet with a view to becoming a full-fledged pilot in due course.

★ 'Tis sergeant now for *Albert S. Johnson*, who has just been promoted. He's at Bigg's Field, Texas, or he was. He wrote he expected a move most any minute, but we had a brother-in-law who was in Texas and who expected a move most any minute. The minutes got longer and longer and longer and longer and longer and the expectations got shorter and shorter—but now he's in Georgia with the blarsted infantry! 'E started hout hin the bloomin' hartillery. Wot O!

★ *Pvt. Robert K. Hartzell*, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hartzell, 1116 Stanley Ave., is stationed at Scott Field, Illinois Radio School. Bob enlisted in November of 1942 and studied radio at Lehigh for eight months. He was called into active service in August of 1943. He received his basic training at Jefferson Barracks, Mo. Bob was well known among the bowlers of the Luther League Bowling League of this city and was a regular bowler of St. Mark's team. He attended Fountain Hill High School, graduated in 1941 and was an employee of the Bethlehem Steel Company.

★ *Donald Renner* is a student in aviation at Syracuse University and the proud dad of an infant daughter, Patricia Anne. He expects his tour at Syracuse will conclude the end of April. His wife is the former Ruth Knipe, at present of Wydnor. At Syracuse, Cadet Renner plays in the corps band, among his other activities.

★ Also making good with the AAF is *Lt. Luther K. Ritter*, son of Mrs. Ida Ritter, Nazareth R.D. 1 and member of St. Thomas church, Macada. Lt. Ritter, now a bombardier-navigator on a 17½ ton bomber, was last reported at Hunter Field, Ga., on March 16 and then he was ready to leave for an "unknown" destination. He started Army life in June, 1941, as a radio operator.

★ *Laury E. Peters*, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Peters, 1016 Center Street, has recently been awarded the Good Conduct medal and advanced to the grade of sergeant. He is presently stationed at Colorado Springs, Colo. A member of Christ E. & R. church, Laury was married while home on furlough last September to Miss Marie Bomboy.

★ *Harold Brong* is at State Teachers' College, Tempe, Arizona, undergoing training as an aviation cadet. His aim is to be a flight officer and here's hoping he succeeds. He was inducted March 5, 1943. Harold was sent first, after New Cumberland, to Camp Blanding, Fla., and from there to Camp Robinson, Ark., where he qualified September 16 for the Airforce and was shipped to Sheppard Field, Texas, for classification. He has been at Tempe since last November 8.

★ March 1 was the anniversary of *Sgt. Charles W. Johnson's* advent at Victoria Field, Kansas. He's made a host of friends and aided and abetted Daniel Cupid by singing at weddings. Nice work if you can get it—and have the voice for it!

★ *Henry Kreidler* is detail clerk for the training wing at Greensboro, N. C., where he received his basic training. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Kreidler, 123 East Garrison Street, and was inducted in August, 1943.

★ *Staff Sgt. Steve Bobdick* celebrated his 23rd birthday the 4th of March at Columbus, Miss., where he is stationed as an engineering clerk. A member of St. John's Windish church, he enlisted in the Air Force December 21, 1942. From induction center at Ft. Meade he was sent to Jefferson Barracks, Mo., and from there to Denver, Colo., where he attended school for two and one-half months.

★ *Sgt. Robert Diehl* is stationed at March Field, Calif., and writes home that he has seen much of that lovely state from the air. He particularly finds the snow-capped mountains a wonderful sight.



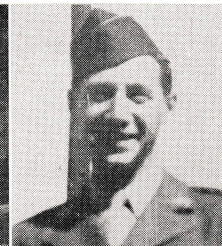
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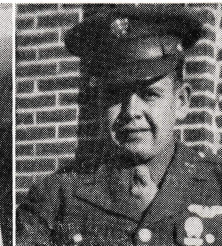
Donald Drumheller



Laury Peters



Fred Horning



Robert Diehl, Jr.

THE MELTING POT

★ *Lt. Donald S. Wright*, son of Mr. and Mrs. William J. Wright, of 1014 Moravian Street, is an advanced aviation cadet stationed at Selman Field, Monroe, La. "Donny," as he is known to his friends, enlisted in September, 1942, and was called to service in February, 1943. He is married to the former Miss Dorothy Walsh of Allentown and is a proud father of a baby daughter. He attended the Fountain Hill schools and graduated from Liberty High school. He was an employee of Steel prior to induction. He received his gunners wings in October, 1943, and he likes army life very much. March 18 he was graduated and then came to Bethlehem to visit his family. It was his first furlough since his enlistment.

★ Australia and the South Pacific are familiar territory now to *Allen Hagenbuch*, 527 Sixth Avenue, for he has been over there with the Air Force since April, 1942—two years! He was inducted February 6, 1942. In Bethlehem a wee fellow, Richard, waits with his mother for Dad to come home.

★ Last word to his wife in "the States" from *Cpl. Edwin H. Bitting* is that he expected a furlough soon and a chance to come home on a visit. Cpl Bitting, member of Bethany E. & R. Church, was stationed at Mitchell Field, N. Y., from August, 1941, until he was sent out to New Guinea in March, 1942.

★ *Pts. William Manner, Raymond Coffman* and *Joseph Orbin* have been "wintering" at Miami Beach, Fla. They were not written up in "Life" magazine as among the vacationers from the North, however.

★ Since last November *Pvt. Clifford T. Raidline* has been learning the intricacies of radio at Sioux Falls, S. D., Army Air Field, where he is in the technical school. Raidline entered the Air Force in December, 1942, and completed a nine month course in the fundamentals of radio at Lehigh University. In August of 1943 he was sent to Amarillo Air Field, Amarillo, Texas. From time to time he gets in a game of basketball on the team made up of barracks mates.

★ *Pfc. William E. Spangler* is at present attending P-47 Mechanics school at Farmingdale, L. I. When the task is done, he will return to his squadron at Blackstone, Va. Spangler was inducted April 17, 1943, and after basic at Greensboro, N. C., was sent to Lincoln, Neb., air base. In December he went to Bell Aircraft, Niagara Falls, where he completed a course in mechanics on P-39 fighter planes.

★ *Cpl. Robert C. Boehm* hasn't worn the stripes so very long, having written recently to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Boehm, 1328 High Street, of his promotion. In Italy now. Cpl. Boehm claimed a bride before he went across, marrying Miriam Able of Allentown last October 24. He has been "over" since December. His basic training was received at Keesler Field, Miss.

★ *Garwood Nuss*, aviation cadet stationed at Santa Ana, Calif., is seeing the U. S., having been stationed in Illinois, Texas and California. He is married to the former Dorothy Fetzer and is the father of a two-year-old son.

★ While at Stuttgart Army Air Field, *Lieut. James Ottinger* ran across an old school friend, *Rhoades Thomas*, formerly of Bethlehem. Thomas has many friends here who will be glad to know of him.

★ *Pfc. Norman A. Wartman*, son of Mr. and Mrs. Palmer Wartman, 55 East Goepf Street, entered the service January 2, 1943, and is stationed at Mac Dill Field, Tampa, Florida, with the Army Air Force. He is working in the supply center. Recently he spent a 15 day furlough with his family.

★ Present whereabouts of *Cpl. James Bucchin* is not given in the report of him sent in by Nativity Episcopal church. His last post was at Yuma, Ariz., where he spent six weeks studying aerial gunnery. His corporal's stripes are fairly new, too. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Bucchin, 246 East North Street, and a member of Nativity and the choir. He graduated December 20 from radio school at Scott Field.

★ Last word of *Pvt. Richard Hoffert* was that he was momentarily expecting shipment "across" so there's no telling where he is now. Dick is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Hoffert, 301 Spring Street. He was inducted October 6, 1942, and trained at Camp Forrest, Tenn., until September, 1943. After a short furlough he reported to Camp Phillips, Kansas and in December was sent to California for desert maneuvers.

★ *Major George Beck*, who has been stationed for sometime at Rome Air Depot, has been transferred to Patterson Field. Mrs. Beck (Helen McClenaghan) and the children are back home in Bethlehem.

★ *Pfc. Albert Yurack* is completely recuperated from a siege of malaria and has left the Naval Hospital ship for active duty, somewhere in the South Pacific.

★ *Charles Woerner, S 2/c*, is now in Key West, Fla. During his boot training at Sampson he spent considerable time in the hospital. Now, however, he is fully recovered from his disability.

★ *Ensign James Mack* has returned to duty and is presently stationed at Newport, R. I.

★ Probably by this time *Sgt. J. M. Mallory, Sr.*, is seeing the action he anticipated when he wrote March 1 from England. Said he, "I have been in service for two years, and haven't seen action."

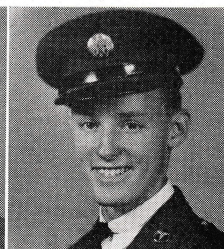
★ "Stars" is always proud and happy to print any authentic news and reproduce any pictures of any service man, even though he is not a member of a participating church, providing a magazine is sponsored in his name. Every church in the city and neighboring towns of Hellertown, Freemansburg and Fountain Hill has been invited to join in making the magazine available to its service roster and the invitation still holds good, as has been made clear numerous times.



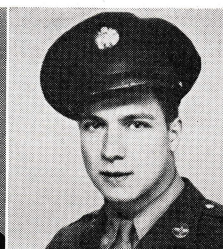
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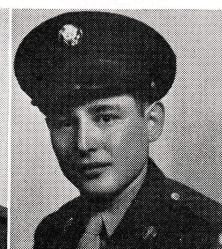
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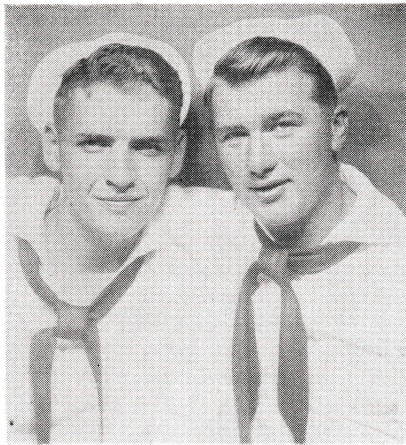
James Bucchin



Norman Wartman



William Spangler



REUNION IN THE PACIFIC

★ These smiling sailors are **Ray Houston**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Houston, 1353 Easton Avenue, and **LeRohn Deysher**, son of Mrs. Maurice Deysher, 1436 Center Street, and their grins are for the reason that they met quite unexpectedly "somewhere in the Pacific," as the word accompanying the picture informed their families. They've been chums since boyhood and their reunion was a really gala event. Ray belongs to St. Peter's Lutheran church and LeRohn to Zion E & R.

More LETTERS . . .

★ **Cpl. William G. Smith** is in More General Hospital, Swannanoa, N. C. In his latest letter, March 23, he writes: "The last letter I wrote you I was in Africa (where I spent nine months), but now I am back in the U. S. I was sent back here for treatment and at present am enjoying a 16-day furlough with my wife and child. I hadn't seen them for over a year, and believe me it certainly has been swell seeing them.

"It has been mighty good to be home, but somehow I just can't feel content until I am in it again. Once you see what goes on over there, you want to get back. I guess it gets in the blood." Cpl Smith, upon returning to the hospital, was to get the verdict of the medicos on the question of return to active duty. We haven't heard the outcome.

★ **Pvt. Charles Hartzell**, now in Sardinia, says in a V-mail letter just received: "Lots of Pennsylvania fellows in this outfit but none from Bethlehem. I met one fellow on the boat to Sicily and he sure was a swell guy, but I have never heard from him since. I hope I run into someone from Bethlehem." We hope you do too, Charlie. Talked to a chap the other night who said he had served in a unit in which there was nary a home town Joe, and it is lonely business. Keep the old chin up.

★ Mid-Winter Stars carried a brief item about **Lt. Col. C. G. Brown**, railroader extraordinary, now in the war zone keeping 'em highballing. In a V-mail to Rev. M. M. Moore, rector of Trinity Episcopal Church, Col. Brown acknowledges receipt of Stars, pays us a nice compliment — for which "thank you" — and says, "I am in railroad work here where we railroad without automatic couplers and where most cars have only four wheels — also carry only 7 to 12 tons per car. Miss the high capacity cars and diesel locomotives of the P. B. & N. E. But the day will come when we can get back with them."

Col. Brown mentions meeting a Navy lieutenant named Waserhaley, who was born and raised in Freemansburg.

★ A regular correspondent of Stars from away back, **Ed. Wehr**, pharmacist mate, writes from New Guinea of receiving his Mid-Winter issue. "Natives extremely friendly," Ed. writes. "Also extremely business-like, knowing but three bargaining terms — namely: one pound, two pound, three pound. Naturally Aussie cash being our legal tender in this British-held island (American temporarily). Coal black native belles, smelly and far from sweetly, so far are only females we've seen in months!" Wehr also sent a very welcome V-mail Easter greeting. Many thanks, Ed.

★ The crop of letters is small this time, possibly because writing time is one of the scarcest commodities in the service. First to come to hand is one from **Ens. Cary E. Evans**, who wrote in February that he had received the Christmas Stars. Hope he has had the Mid-Winter number by now. He said it was 102 in the shade at Christmas time where he is.

"Also saw your last report on Don Hoch," he wrote. "I met him in Mobile, Ala., and he told me he was a radioman on an LST that was in port at the time (January) . . . I am now stationed and shipping out of New Orleans."

★ From "somewhere in England" **S/Sgt. James Lichtenwalner** writes: "I have visited my brother twice so far and we hope to see each other more often. George has been over here longer than I have. I am also meeting **Joe Czik** of Hellertown next week." His letter is dated March 30 and acknowledged receipt of February Stars.

★ Pastor Snyder of St. Peter's Lutheran Church passed along a note from **Cpl. Walter J. Sinwell** dated March 14 in which Sinwell says, "I was made a corporal last month." Nice going!



JELLO TO THE RESCUE

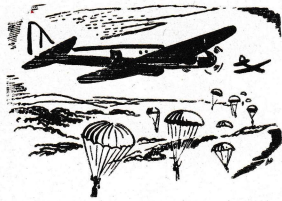
★ **Cpl. Robert H. Kennedy**, 33, 609 West Union Boulevard, is credited with an extraordinary achievement in the line of duty as a pharmacist "somewhere in England." Called upon by the orthopedic department of the hospital to which he is attached, he brought out a plastic bandage made of raspberry-flavored jello and a paste of zinc oxide and glycerine which permitted the patient to move the affected limb and still retained the aseptic qualities desired, as well as being stronger than any elastic bandage available.

Kennedy, a registered pharmacist back home, working in Weiner's drug store on Main Street, knows his way around among the bottles on the shelf. The compound he evolved bounces like a rubber ball. To apply it, the nurse warms it until it is liquid, then pours it over the gauze bandage. This procedure is repeated several times until the desired thickness is obtained.

For his fine work, Cpl. Kennedy was officially commended by Major Milton S. Thompson, chief of Army orthopedic service, and received the congratulations of his fellow soldiers as well as the praises of the many who knew him here in Bethlehem.

★ In successive issues of Stars Ye Ed has pled with and cajoled readers to write and say what's what. Sometimes the replies are many, other times they are few. We realize the boys are busy, probably a sight busier than us homefolks can imagine, for theirs are not 40-hour weeks.

★ **Capt. Leo M. Fraivillig**, a former member of the city engineer's staff and now stationed in England on special duty, dropped a most interesting letter via V-mail early in March describing England and life as he has found it over there. "You'd love England and the English people," he wrote. "The villages are picturesque and the estates beautiful. The people are extremely brave and take their strict rationing without a murmur. We've had our first fresh eggs since we left home. Both our eggs and milk are of the powdered variety. Soap and paper also very scarce . . ." Leo has visited Oxford and London and found them very interesting.



THE ARMY ON FOREIGN SOIL

Anzio, Cassino, Marshalls, Carolines

★ "Anzio beachhead is no beach party," wrote *Cpl. William Kotz* to his family. Said he has received many letters recently, for which he is very grateful. Bill entered the service in January of 1941 and was stationed at Ft. Sill, Okla., and Camp Bowie, Texas. He then moved east to an embarkation port and has been overseas for the past thirteen months, taking part in action in North Africa, Sicily and Italy.

★ From England comes word from *Corp. Warren Wilkie* that he's kept

★ Here's a Bethlehem chap in South America—*Cpl. Paul Deschler*. He's been down there since April 10, 1943. He entered the service June 25, 1942, from Lehigh University, and received his basic training at Camp Wheeler, Ga.

★ *Capt. Arthur G. Ueberroth, Jr.*, is somewhere in England and keeping very busy, letters home indicate. A graduate of LHS and Lehigh, he is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Ueberroth, 1354 Montrose Avenue.

★ At first reported missing, *William "Mike" Brown* is now known to be among the wounded. He has been overseas since November 2, 1942.

★ Here's a fellow who is with Bethlehem's unit of the First Defenders "somewhere in Italy." He is *Cpl. Steve Supanek, Jr.*, son of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Supanek, 548 Hillside Avenue. Steve was a member of the outfit when it was Federalized, leaving home September 16, 1940, for active duty, and going through all the camps. He sailed overseas in 1942 and was on hand at Casa Blanca and fought in several of the engagements of the African campaign.

★ *Robert Wimmer*, now in England, has become a warrant officer. He has been in service since March 24, 1941, before which he was secretary to an official of Weston Dodson Co. He writes he is in good health.



John Maxwell

Arthur Ueberroth

Charles Brown

mighty busy, presumably in preparation for the big day invasion day. He has been across since last November and writes that there has been plenty of rain since he landed! He and his wife, the former Dorothy Yeager, will celebrate their second wedding anniversary May 9. Wilkie is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wilkie.

★ In the Army since May, 1941, *S/Sgt. Francis H. Hall* is in parts unknown of the South Pacific war theatre. Last word of him was that he was moving on from New Caledonia, where he had arrived last May. Hall trained first at Ft. Bragg, then at Ft. Jackson, S. C. He took special work in Massachusetts to learn the machinist's trade and is now a motor supply sergeant. He is one of two sons of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Hall now in service and is a member of St. Thomas Reformed church, Macada.

★ *Corp. Elwood Wright*, stationed in Italy, says letters are about all the fellows there have to look forward to. And then he adds "when we have time to read them." Here is just another testimony of the great value of letters.

★ Speaking of Italy, we have just learned that *Corp. Richard Artis* also arrived there recently.

★ *Pfc. Bob Fillman*, *Pfc. Don Hagey*, and *Lieut. John W. Dennis* all write from England that they have great admiration for the English people and for the spirit with which they accept black-outs, bombings, rationing and other war-time inconveniences. The boys agree that the country is beautiful and the people are friendly. Jack Dennis visited Stratford-on-Avon and the burial place of the Bard. During this trip he met *Wilbur Klingaman*, another Bethlehemite.

★ *Sgt. John F. Renninger*, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Renninger, 621 Cherokee Street, who is serving with the Quartermaster Corps, overseas, has been in the U. S. Army for a period of six years. In his first enlistment he spent three years in Panama. Upon returning home he joined the reserves. He was called to active duty about a month after the present war began. There is a star for him on the flag at St. Mark's Lutheran church.

★ Right now *Lieut. William Thompson* is in the mountains of Italy, after a very rough crossing.

★ *Marcus Moyer* is somewhere in Ireland and his mother has a potted Shamrock grown from seeds he sent her.

★ Letters from the Hawaiian front from *Pvt. Stanley Frankenfield* tell of swimming in the blue Pacific and hunting coconuts. Busy fellow!

★ *Paul D. Kolesar*, now corporal, shoved off from San Diego and is now in the Hawaiian Territory. His first letter from that locality is cheerful and portentous of experiences quite interesting. And what would you expect from the land of the Lei and Hula?



Paul Deschler

Warren Wilkie

William Kotz

Maynard Pierce

Francis Hall

William Brown



Robert Zettlemoyer Frederick Kerviss

John Paul

Robert Wimmer

John Renninger

Ernest Enix

★ *Anzio beachhead* describes the whereabouts of *Pvt. Robert Zettlemoyer*, son of Mr. and Mrs. Erwin Zettlemoyer, Sr. Among his many experiences overseas was typing by candlelight in North Africa, a not too easy task. He has also had an opportunity to enjoy the sunshine in Africa but now he's in the hot spot on the coast of Italy.

★ *Pfc. Ray Minnich* celebrated his 21st birthday March 10 at his station "somewhere in England."

★ *Cpl. Joseph Allam* takes advantage of his "stopover" in England to visit the many interesting towns and cities of that gallant "tight little isle." In a recent letter home, Joe wrote of attending services in an English Moravian church and found things much the same as at home, although the time is a bit shorter.

★ To *Pvt. Harry Cool*, somewhere in the South Pacific, Stars and all his friends here express deep sympathy at the death of his mother. In a recent letter home, Harry wrote of seeing five motion picture stars who came out to amuse the boys in their far-away post. He says there is one disadvantage to being where he is—there are no girls!

★ Overseas duty was the latest word from *Pfc. William D. Reppert*, so we presume he is now across.

★ Also in England, *Bob Cassell* has taken up the accordion and is learning to play. He sent home for instruction books and all the folks here are itching to hear him tickle the ivories.

★ *Pfc. Glen Cobbs*, for a while at Camp VanDorn, Miss., is overseas with a Quartermaster regiment. Also overseas is *Pfc. Andrew Brandon*. He is attached to a medical service company.

★ Add *Sgt. John Paul* to the Bethlehem men in England. He is busy, he writes, and a couple of nights each week shows movies for the boys at camp. The USO takes over the mess hall for its entertainments, turning it into a complete theatre with footlights, public address system and "spots." John was expecting to look up the homes of some of his ancestors when he got the opportunity. He's the son of Walter Paul, 4th and New Streets.

★ Sometimes it's difficult to know into which category to put you fellows, for by the time the magazine is printed there's no telling where you may be. Take *Pvt. Rollin Mease* for instance. Last word was that he was at a port of embarkation. So the best thing is to take it for granted he's overseas, but Army vagaries may have put him in Kalamazoo instead. Anyway, Rollin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rollin Mease, in the Amphibious command and in February was in California waiting orders. He had his shore training at Camp Edwards, Mass., and his boot training at Camp Gordon, Fla.

★ *Pvt. Ernest Mellin* is among the numerous Bethlehem boys who are holding the fort in the Aleutian islands. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Mellin, Morton Street, he left for service February of 1943 and received his basic training at Camp Wolters, Texas. He's a member of the anti-tank company of his unit.

★ "Destination unknown" sounds like a thriller movie title. Actually it was the last word of *Pfc. Robert G. Cooke*, supposedly on the briney deep enroute to the fighting front. Son of Mr. and Mrs. John Cooke, 1764 West Broad Street, he was inducted May 7, 1943, trained at Camp Shelby and Camp Hood and recently sailed.

★ Presumably, *Pvt. Ernest Enix* has sailed from his California port of embarkation.

★ *Lt. Maurice Fogel* received his Christmas gifts in England considerably after the celebration of the traditional holiday. Other gifts sent out by West Side Moravian church, of which he is a member, also have been arriving from time to time.

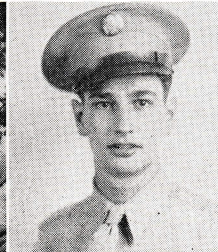
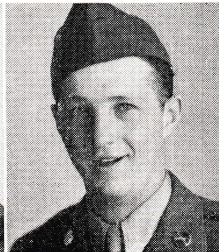
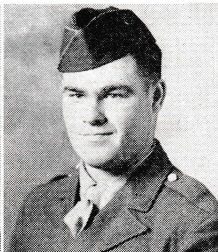
★ Advancement of *Frederick J. Kervin* to private first class is the most recent word to his mother, Mrs. Alice Kervin, R. D. 1, Bethlehem. Kervin is in England. He completed a year in service February 25.

★ Reading of the perigrinations of some of Bethlehem's soldier boys is like reading a Cook's tour brochure. Take *Cpl. Marvin Cook*, for instance. He's in England with an automatic weapons unit. He got there by starting at Camp Edwards, Mass., after induction December 26, 1942. He went to Camp Campbell, Ky., to Port Fisher, N. C., and to Camp Davis, N. C. A graduate of Tech Hi, he worked as an electrical draftsman for the Bethlehem Steel Co. before enlisting. He is married to the former June Sweigert of Cressona, Pa.

★ Also in England is *Thomas Benner*—Corporal Benner to you now, for he has just received his two chevrons. Benner was in Iceland and says he finds the change rather startling. He hopes to take a dekkko at London; probably has by now.

★ *Cpl. Glenn Spencer* is stationed in Italy with the same outfit as Percy Parker. Says he's going to "take a long rest" when he gets home.

★ *Bob Fillman* is now a corporal. He's in England, we understand, and reports a pleasant visit to Scotland.



Edward Bitting

William Reppert

Ernest Mellin

Rollin Mease

Robert Cooke

Thomas Benner

ARMY OVERSEAS---concluded

★ One of those fellows with a big armband emblazoned MP is *Sgt. Thad C. Sharer*, now in jolly old England keeping an eye on things. Son of Mr. and Mrs. George H. Sharer, 256 7th Avenue, he was inducted February 26, 1943, and received his basic training at Keesler Field, Miss. There, on May 1, he was made a corporal. Later he was sent to New Orleans, La., and transferred to the Military Police and advanced to Sergeant, June 6. His son, Donny, is living with his daddy's parents.

★ *Sgt. Roland Gangwer*, a prisoner of the Germans, has been heard twice speaking over the German radio and his family has received word from friendly listeners in many parts of the country saying that they have heard him.

★ Writing from the South Pacific to his friend DeWitt Groves, *S/Sgt. Melvin F. Johnson* says, "I'm still alive and kicking . . . I'd like to know how the rest of the boys in the service are doing. . . . Personally, I think the world is a little mad." Sergeant, we agree 100 per cent on that last statement!

★ Word has come that *Milton A. Harper*, stationed in England, is now a sergeant. Sgt. Harper entered the service April 1, 1942, and trained at Camp Shelby, Miss. He is a nephew of Mrs. Susie Williams, 229 Diamond Street, and son of the late Mrs. Margaret Harper, Mrs. Williams' sister.

★ *Pfc. Roy P. Jones*, another Bethlehem soldier in Italy, is looking forward to returning to home and his wife as soon as the conflict is over.

★ *Pvt. William H. Kurtz*, one of St. Stephen's many service men received his basic training at Camp Hulen, Texas. At the present time he is serving overseas at a place he says is quite decent.

★ "I'm where I've always wanted to be, with the U. S. Army on the fighting line," writes *Pvt. Percy C. Parker*, member of the Engineer Corps, from the Italian battlefield to his mother, Mrs. Ollie Parker, 112 Mechnic Street. Parker has seen service in Africa as well as in Italy. Of the latter nation he says, "I have seen a nation knocked to its knees—but the price was high."

★ With news of all sorts coming out of Italy, *Cpl. Chester Rowlett* writes, with a chuckle, "Just imagine how busy we are!"

★ A meeting of two St. Paul's Reformed boys, who are brothers, in England. *Private Morris Litrenta*, the younger of the two boys, now with a Signal Installation Corps, while on a mission, came to the camp where he knew his brother was located and was given permission to look him up. *Technical Sergeant Thomas Litrenta*, who is a mechanic in the Field Artillery, was notified of his brother's arrival and was granted time to spend with him. Thomas in his letter home wrote, "Boy, was I glad to see him. He looks wonderful; army life and this atmosphere must agree with him."

★ *PFC Gerhardt Pakulla*, son of Mr. and Mrs. Emil Pakulla of Delwood Street, has had a very interesting stay in India.

★ Word has been received that *Pvt. Richard Lee, Jr.*, was wounded in the Marshalls and he was on board a hospital ship when last heard from.

★ For twenty-two months *Pfc. Nicholas A. Marino, Jr.*, has been in India with the airborne troops. Nick is a native of Bethlehem and an "alumnus" of Bethlehem Steel. He trained at Ft. Eustis, Va., Camp Hulen, Texas, and Ft. Bliss, Texas.

★ Latest word of *Pvt. Robert Freudig* is that he is in Scotland as a cannoneer in a field artillery unit.

★ Mrs. Stephen Andrews reports her son, *Sgt. Arthur Andrews*, now in Sicily.

★ *Pfc. Albert Nonnemaker* is somewhere in the South Pacific and in good health.

★ *Pfc. Francis Phillippi, Jr.*, has an APO number now, but where he is is not known as this is written.

★ *Sgt. Wilbur A. Fauntleroy* and *Cpl. Sylvester "Bud" Wimley* are still on the job in India. Fauntleroy has warned the folks at home, "don't be surprised if I bring home an Indian bride!" Wimley says it is "all quiet" on the Indian front. That was some time ago. Since then our Jap foes have carried the war across the border, so probably things have livened up.

★ *Tech. Sgt. Earl F. George* left the states more than a year ago and since then has been stationed in China and India in communication work. Although he's traveled considerably thus far he says there hasn't been a spot he's seen that he'd trade for an ounce of good U.S.A. ground.

THE MELTING POT

★ *Pvt. LeRoy Smith* was last reported enroute overseas.

★ Greetings to the home folks from *Pvt. Zantasa Brandon*, who is still in the South Pacific. He says he has seen plenty of action in recent weeks.

★ *Richard Foster* recently arrived in England for service.

★ Among several Navy officers recently elevated in rank is numbered *Dr. Henry O. Rothrock, U.S.N.R.*, who has advanced from lieutenant commander to full commander. The promotion was carried out at ceremonies a short time ago at the base in New Caledonia where Dr. Rothrock is stationed.

Commdr. Rothrock volunteered for service in the Reserve in June 1941 and was called to active duty January 5, 1942. Prior to being sent overseas he served in the Philadelphia and Norfolk Naval hospitals. His departure for overseas duty came in August 1942 and he was assigned to a mobile hospital unit.

Pathologist at St. Luke's hospital for ten years, Commdr. Rothrock is now serving in the same capacity at his present post.

★ From one of Stars' most indefatigable correspondents, *Tommy Wehr*, has come on the eve of press time, a mimeographed brochure entitled "Discovering New Guinea" and giving all sorts of interesting facts and figures about the little known island that sprawls like a huge turtle over 1,500 miles of the South Pacific. Many thanks, Tommy.

This may interest some of you: New Guinea was first reported by the Portuguese explorer d'Abreu in 1511, the Spaniard Jorge de Meneses in 1526, Bougainville in 1768 and the famous James Cook in 1774. For a long time it failed to attract more than casual interest, trade being limited to shore dealings in sandalwood, copra and gold nuggets washed from mountain streams.

Mistaken Identities

Apologies to Russell, Merritt and Charles Jacoby, Samuel, James and David Ottinger, Leonard and Charles Lux, Donald and Walter Reynolds, Ralph and Gordon Fenicle whose names appeared under the wrong cuts in the February 1944 number.