

Bethlehem WAC United *With Hubby In Australia*

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SOMEWHERE IN AUSTRALIA, November 6—In Australia, a few weeks ago, one Women's Army Corps member, stationed with the United States Army forces in the Far East, added her endorsement to the statement that the Army and Navy, at home or abroad, make an unbeatable combination.

Private Pearl L. Purcell, daughter of Harvey Place, of Bethlehem, Pa., answered visitors' call at the WAC Detachment's camp gate; rushed into the arms of husband Charles W. Purcell, 332 Second Avenue, Bethlehem, whom she had not seen since he came to the Southwest Pacific with a fast moving Sea Bee organization a year ago.

Shortly after CB Purcell left the United States, Private Purcell decided that she, too, would take an active part in the war effort; left her job at Tom Young's Drug Store to join the WAC. At the conclusion of basic training in Ft. Oglethorpe, Georgia, she was assigned to an overseas unit which arrived in Australia last June. For her the world has proven just small enough.

Pfc. Helen M. Rinkunas of 1251 Mechanic Street, Bethlehem, quite by coincidence, shares a camp hut with Private Purcell, in the Detachment.