

Yost, Israel

Nazareth Pastor Held Luckiest Member of Fifth Army Unit

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A dispatch published yesterday in the New York Times from its correspondent with the Fifth Army says:

"The heroic group of chaplains attached to one American Fifth Army unit on this front believes the luckiest member of their outfit is First Lieut. Israel A. S. Yost, of Nazareth, son of Mrs. Arthur Sterner, of Bethlehem R. D. 1, not because he received a much-deserved Purple Heart Medal but because he has had a missionary enterprise tossed into his lap.

"Lieutenant Yost was attached to the Japanese-American unit, whose members are 50 per cent atheist and 25 per cent Buddhist. He has made thirteen converts to Christianity and has accepted fifty more New Testaments for future proselytization. The Japanese-Americans who have shown great courage in their effort to prove their devotion to the United States, of which they are citizens, accepted spiritual consolation from Lieutenant Yost before battle and he has said the Christian burial service over their dead."

Chaplain Yost is married to the former Peggy Landon, of Nazareth, and they are the parents of two children, Monica and Christian.



LIEUT. ISRAEL YOST
... lucky 'Sky Pilot'

Before entering the service he was pastor of the Hecktown-Farmersville Lutheran parish.

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