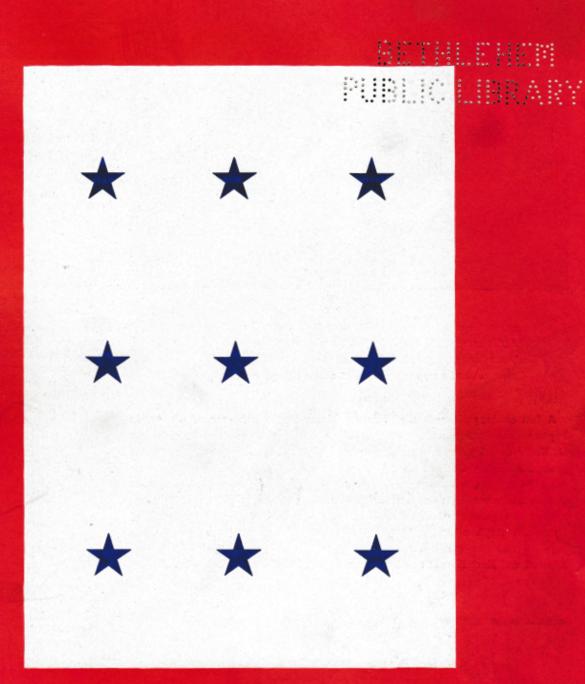
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STARS IN THE SERVICE

NOVEMBER, 1943

"RAISE THE SONG OF HARVEST HOME"



"Come, ye thankful people come, Raise the song of harvest home;

"All is safely gathered in, 'Ere the winter storms begin;

"God, our Maker, doth provide for our wants to be supplied;

"Come, to God's own temple, come, Raise the song of Harvest Home."

A full congregation attended Harvest Home services the second Sunday in September at St. Stephen's Lutheran Church, both morning and evening. Pastor D. H. Frederick preached on "God's Open Window," and the choir and people praised Almighty God for his goodness in granting this year a plenteous harvest. In the display arranged in the chancel and before the altar, as seen in the picture, are 252 jars of garden products, a dozen or more jars of jelly and fruits and vegetables of all sorts. The canned goods were taken to the Lutheran Home for Orphans at Topton. Needy folks in the congregation were given supplies and the parsonage family also received a share. John Faulstick, Edward and Earl Harpel and others in the congregation arranged the display.

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Come hither, ye faithful, triumphantly sing;

Come see in the manger the angel's dread King!

To Bethlehem hasten, with joyful accord;

O come ye, come hither, to worship the Lord!

True Son of the Father, He comes from the skies;

To be born of a Virgin He does not despise;

To Bethlehem hasten, with joyful accord:

O come ye, come hither, to worship the Lord! Hark, hark, to the angels, all singing in heaven,

"To God in the highest all glory be given!"

To Bethlehem hasten, with joyful accord:

O come ye, come hither, to worship the Lord!

To Thee, then O Jesus, this day of Thy birth,

Be glory and honor through heaven and earth:

True Godhead incarnate, omnipotent Word!

O come, let us hasten to worship the Lord!

CELEBRATION

★ Sons and daughters of the Lutheran and Reformed congregations of the St. Thomas Union Church at Altonah will be interested to know that the 95th anniversary of the founding of the church was successfully celebrated Sunday, October 24, and Wednesday, October 27, the highlights being the wiping out of the debt on the parish house and the meeting of the annual apportionment through the devoted efforts of the members of the two wings.

Four guest speakers occupied the pulpit at the Sunday services, the Rev. O. S. Frantz, D.D., of the Reformed Theological Seminary at Lancaster, and the Rev. Paul C. Empie, superintendent of benevolences for the Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania, speaking in the morning; the Rev. Corson C. Snyder, D.D., pastor of St. Peter's Lutheran Church, South Side, and the Rev. Floyd R. Shafer, Tatamy, in the evening.

Four beautiful anthems were sung in the course of the services, Sunday morning the senior and junior choirs sang "Praise Ye the Father" and "O Sing Unto the Lord." In the evening a male chorus sang "Give Your Best" and "The Earth is The Lord's." Hymns were chosen from the Lutheran and Reformed hymnals.

At the Wednesday evening gathering addresses were presented by Prof. Truman Koehler, member of the faculty of Muhlenberg College, and by the Rev. George Laubach, pastor of the Forks church. "This God Is Our God" was the anthem sung.

Arrangements were in the hands of a committee from both wings, the Rev. Dr. H. J. Ehret, Reformed, and the Rev. Dr. Gomer C. Rees, Lutheran, heading an efficient group composed of Asher Lerch, Charles Balliet, George Ruth, George Handelong, Joseph Saeger and Victor Warner.



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"Joy To The World, The Lord Is Come, Let Earth Receive Her King"

The Nativity of Our Lord as set forth in St. Luke 2:1-20

And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed. (And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.)

And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city.

And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David;)

To be taxed with Mary, his espoused wife, being great with child.

And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered.

And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

And lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.

And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for behold I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.

And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.

And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.

And when they had seen it they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning the child.

And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds.

But Mary kept all these things and pondered them in her heart.

And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had seen as it was told unto them.



Hear Our Prayers, O Lord And Be Merciful Unto Thy Servants

A Prayer For All Who Suffer

BE MERCIFUL, O God, unto all who need thy mercy, and let the angel of Thy presence save the afflicted, the exiled and imprisoned; Be thou the strength of the weary, the comfort of the sorrowful, the friend of the desolate, the light of the wandering, the hope of the dying, the Saviour of the lost, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

> -(Wartime Prayers of Protestant Episcopal Church)

A Prayer For Our Country

ALMIGHTY GOD, who by Thy Providence didst lead our forefathers to this land wherein they found refuge from oppression and freedom to worship Thee; We beseech Thee ever to guide Our Nation in the way of Thy truth and peace so that we may never fail in the blessing which Thou hast promised to that people whose God is the Lord; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Our Lord. Amen.

-(Common Service Book, United Lutheran Church)

A Prayer For the Army

O LORD God of Hosts, stretch forth, we pray thee, thine almighty arm to strengthen and protect the soldiers of our country. Support them in the day of battle, and in the time of peace keep them safe from all evil; endue them with courage and loyalty; and grant that in all things they may serve without reproach; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

-(Book of Common Prayer, Protestant Episcopal Church)

A Prayer For the Navy

O ETERNAL Lord God, who alone spreadest out the heavens and rulest the raging of the sea; vouchsafe to take into thy almighty and most gracious protection our country's Navy, and all who serve therein. Preserve them from the dangers of the sea, and from the violence of the enemy; that they may be a safeguard unto the United States of America, and a security for such as pass on the seas upon their lawful occasions; that the inhabitants of our land may in peace and quietness serve thee our God, to the Glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen;

> -(Book of Common Prayer, Protestant Episcopal Church)

A Prayer For Our Women

GRACIOUS GOD, be pleased to bestow upon the young women now serving beside their brothers in the uniform of their country strength and the will to accomplish the tasks to which they have set their hands. Let not their sacrifices be in vain nor their endeavors without reward. Give to them that sure sense of high calling which only service in Thy name can bring; through Our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

A Prayer For Our Airmen

O GOD, the strength of all those who put their trust in Thee; bless we pray Thee our Airmen of all the services, particularly those who have gone forth from this community. Grant that they, being armed with Thy defense, may be preserved evermore in all perils; and being filled with wisdom and girded with strength, may do their duty to Thy honour and glory; through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.

-(Adapted from Wartime Prayers of Protestant Episcopal Church)

A Prayer For the Marines

HEAVENLY FATHER, whose sons are these, our brothers of the United States Marines, stand by their side in battle; gird them with the sword of courage; and if it be Thy will, let them emerge with honour and victory from their encounters with the enemy. In life give them hope; in death, repose within the bosom of Thy dear Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Army-Navy Entente Says Victory Won't Be Long A'comin'

PEOPLE TELL US

By Carrel Cool

Reds Seifert left for the army in October leaving heart-broken femmes at the station.

Maynard Raines is home to recuperate from that dose of malaria we told you about last month. The kid looks well but could look better.

"Woody" King, home from North Africa, is a little shaken, so I hear. A good rest wouldn't harm him, but he loves his country.

Sammy Cann, the boy with the Homer voice, left for the army. He'll be missed wherever fine jitterburgs congregate.

"When do you leave the room?" asked the teacher of a local brainstorm. "When I come to the door," was the reply. And that's why the teachers grow gray young.

Kenny Grube has joined the navy. That's nice when someone's waiting for you, and there is. (Ken's picture is with Navy in Home Waters.)

Eddie Titus wishes for some oldfashioned Pennsylvania beer. The beer where he is is not up to Yankee

HELLERTOWN BUDDIES



The war has brought about many separations of one sort or another—wives from husbands, sons or daughters from parents.—but as often as any is the separation of chums of long standing. A reunion for them, therefore, is something of a festive occasion and calls for a round of grins and "bottoms up," perhaps. In this cheerful group are Joseph Chipser, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Chipser, Hellertown, V-12 student at Muhlenberg College; T/5 Elwood Reiss, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl J. Reiss, Hellertown, who is stationed at Camp Mackail, N. C.: Pvt. Joseph Soldo, son of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Soldo, Hellertown, stationed at Boston, Mass.; Pfc. Howard Ruch, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ptc. Howard Ruch, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Ruch, Hellertown, stationed at Camp Mackail, N. C. The four are graduates of Hellertown High School and Reiss and Ruch are members of Christ Lutheran Church, Hellertown. This picture was taken when they were all home on furloughs together.

HAPPY FREEMANSBURGERS REUNITED AFTER YEAR APART



This smiling quintet, all members of the Polly-Booster Class of Trinity Evangelical and Reformed Church, Freemansburg, are but five of the eleven boys from the class now in service. They got together one day when all were home and the pleasures of reunion are apparent from their smiles. They are, left to right: William Lorrah, S 1/c, Pfc. John Patton, Homer Lorrah, U.S.N., Pfc. Donald Canfield and Maynard Hahn.

standard. Well, I guess more than one northern boy has made that wish.

Sam Shireman's little adventure in the Mediterranean goes like this: He was being pursued by a German night fighter when his oil line was pierced by machine gun bullets. Sam led the fighter a merry chase until he realized his plane was rapidly heating and soon would explode. The crew bailed out. Sam landed in the sea and swam to an island where he was picked up ten days later by the Navy. All of which goes to show that Uncle Sam's boys are best fitted to survive.

Young Ray Yard isn't with us any more, he's with the navy. We hope he likes it. We know we would.

Three members of the Eagles Baseball Club were home on leave. They were Jimmy Yochum, Ralph Fenicle and Dick Roth. The Eagles, if you don't know, is an enterprising group of sportsmen who would not hesitate to take on the Yanks . . . maybe.

Dick Engles was recently seen going through the halls at Liberty High. Many a alumnus is visiting there these days to bring back fond memories of their once carefree world. The Red and Blue Club sent off twentyfive Christmas packages with a load of good cheer to members overseas.

From home we send you all wishes for Christmas good cheer and a better year to come, and to the little buck-toothed guy in Tokyo, and the paper-hanger from Austria, wishes for a speedy journey to that place which none of us cares to go.

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 cooperation will be appreciated.

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When There's Something Needs Doing, Call the Sea-Bees



PASTOR'S SON IN THICK OF THINGS

* Louis Robert Brown, F 2/c, son of a Bethlehem minister, the Rev. T. C. Brown, pastor of Grace Evangelical and Reformed Church, was one of the thousands of American sailormen who helped put the troops ashore with LST boats for the invasion of Sicily and later at Salerno, Italy. He is based in North Africa, we are informed. He enlisted November 9, 1942, and had his "boot"training at Bainbridge, Md. After advanced training in diesel engine work at Richmond and Little Creek, Va. he left for the other side about April 30, 1942. Before entering the service, he was employed in the Forge Specialty plant of the Bethlehem Steel. He graduated from Moravian Preparatory School in 1941. His brother Nevin, a former teacher at Moravian Prep., is in basic training at Camp Croft in South Carolina.

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COMRADES-IN-ARMS



On the left is Pvt. Theodore "Teddy" Halkias, on the right Pvt. Robert "Moe" Greenamoyer, comrades-in-arms on maneuvers at Lebanon, Tenn., about 30 miles from Nashville. Teddy graduated at L.H.S. in '42, Moe in '43 and both left for New Cumberland May 29, 1943, and were sent together to duty with a signal-photo company at Camp Crowder, Mo. Both are now laboratory technician clerks and Greenamoyer is in the identification division and Halkias in the armored division, Although at the same place, they see little of each other because of their assignments, but they agree that Army life is "tops" and the grub has helped them to put on weight. Teddy will be remembered as active in sports, particularly baseball, when he was at Muhlenberg.

LAST TAPS

★ The death of Capt. James D. Houck, U. S. Army Medical Corps, in the O'Reilly General Hospital, Springfield, Mo., on October 4, was doubly a tragedy, for not only did it bereave his young wife, the former Elizabeth Santee, of Bethlehem, and the members of the two families but it deprived his infant daughter whom he had never seen, of a father. The child, Susan Santee Houck, was born June 27 of this year after he had been sent to Camp Gruber, Okla.

Capt. Houck was the son of Mr. and Mrs. John E. Houck of Scranton. He graduated at Lehigh University and Jefferson Medical School and interned at Lankenau Hospital, Philadelphia. After enlisting in the Army he was stationed in Texas. He was sent north early this year, trained at Carlisle for a month, advanced to the rank of captain, and was then sent to Camp Gruber. While there he suffered a nervous breakdown.

His wife is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. D. K. Santee, Bella Vista Farms.

★ On Thursday, September 9, another son of Bethlehem laid down his life for his country and on Sunday, October 10, the congregation of St. John's Evangelical Church joined in a memorial to Harry C. Harpel, private first class in the Army of the United States, who made the supreme sacrifice in the North African battle area. The Rev. A. M. Gottschalk, his pastor, conducted the memorial service and Harry's father, Charles Harpel, received the condolences of his friends in his bereavement.

To the blue stars on the service flag of St. John's has been added a gold one, signifying the loss of the first youth from the church to die as the war struck home once more to Bethlehem. Harry Harpel was the first of St. John's sons to go overseas. He was inducted May 8, 1942 from his employment with Bricker's Bakery. His military career was marked by rapid advancement and by outstanding devotion to duty. He was expert in the use of arms and his last assignment was that of a runner, as dangerous a task as any soldier can perform.

TWO OF A KIND



At the left, George Lindenmuth; at the right, William E. Judd, both of whom are serving with the Sea-Bees, the men who pave the way of conquest armed with pick and shovel and a gun.

★ Carl K. Packard, MM 1/c, has joined up with this crack outfit and no doubt will shortly be seeing action

★ At last reports William E. Judd, S 1/c, is stationed somewhere in the Southwest Pacific. He enlisted January 28 and trained at Camp Peary, Va., and later at Hueneme, Calif. He's the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Judd, 1019 Spring Street, and a Bethlehem Steel "graduate."

★ George Lindenmuth, MM 1/c, is situated at Davidsville, R. I. He is the husband of the former Irene Takacs and father of a family.

★ Warren Crouthamel, who joined the Sea-Bees, left for training base during the latter part of October.

★ Continuing his strenuous training with the Sea-Bees is Kenneth P. Remaley, F 1/c, who is now at Camp Endicott, R. I. Ken went into service in September and received his "boot" training at Camp Peary, Va. Too much praise for the man who enters this tough service and makes good at it can not be given—and here's the best of luck to Sea-Bee Remaley!





* George Henninger is now at Memphis, Tenn., having completed his basic training at Sampson, N. Y. He resided with Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Clift of East Broad Street before going into the Navy.

THE NAVY IN HOME WATERS

"Fleets In - Every Man For Himself"

* Lieut. Stoddard Martin has been home to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. Fay Martin, after a long tour of duty in the Aleutians, where he was engaged in construction work. It is his first trip to the old home town in almost 20 months, quite a stretch, if you ask us! On November 8 he reported to Williamsburg, Va., for assignment to further duty, most likely outside the country.

* Treasure Island! A name to conjure up visions of Captain Silver and Bill Gumm, Squire Trelawney and Dr. Livsey and Jim, hero of the tale. Perhaps Richard Sherry, SK 3/c, who is stationed on the isle of that name in San Francisco Bay is not troubled by ghosts of dead buccaneers.

* With two older brothers in the Navy, Howard R. Scheetz, S 2/c, is making his sea service a tradition in the family. He is at Sampson, N. Y.











George Henninger

William Reichl

Ray Dubbs

Russell Graber

Kenneth Steely Harris Warrick

* Russel J. J. Graber, who recently completed his boot training at Sampson, N. Y., has been advanced to the rank of Seaman Second Class. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Russel Graber, 1537 Linden Street. He graduated from Bethlehem Technical High School, Class of '43. Before his induction he was an active member of Troop 30, Boy Scouts, and was assist* Just about ready to wind up boot training at Sampson, N. Y., and seek new worlds to conquer is Geza Leposa, son of Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Leposa, 738 Laufer Avenue. Geza enlisted September 28, two days befor his 18th birthday. He is a Tech Hi graduate, class of '43, and one of the 150 or more boys in service from St. John's Windish Lutheran Church.

* James Moyer is located at Manhattan Beach, N. Y., Coast Guard primary training center.

* Kenneth W. Steely, S 2/c, known to his friends as "Murphy," is studying to become a hospital aide and at last reports expected to be transferred from the Hospital Corps School at Bainbridge, Md., for advancing training. He left for service Good Friday, April 23, and went to Sampson, N. Y. He is a B. H. S. alumnus and was right end on the grid team. He's the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Steely, 407 East Broad Street.

* Arthur H. Jones, S 2/c, had a bad break in his luck sometime back. Stationed in Brooklyn, N.Y., at the time, he was walking home from a swim when thugs set upon him, beat him up severely and "rolled" him of his money and other possessions. The

shore patrol found him, took him to the hospital and he returned to duty a few days later. However, he failed to make a good comeback and was given a furlough and during his time off developed spinal meningitis. He was sent to St. Alban's Naval Hospital on Long Island in a serious condition. Jones is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Stanley Jones, 830 North New Street, and a former Brown-Borhek Co. employee. * Mr. and Mrs. Homer Lorrah of Freemansburg have given a third son, William, to the service of our coun-

Richard Reynolds



Richard Kresge







Donald Hoch

Harvey Hottle

ant scout leader of Calvary Reformed Church unit. He is a member of St. Paul's Reformed Church. At Samp. son he sang in the Camp choir.

* Don Hoch is doing radio work at the Sampson training base. He has been in service since February 23. Broughal and Tech Hi claim him.

* Elwood Clewell, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Clewell, 1316 Center Street, is now undergoing boot training Sampson, N. Y. "Woody" has joined the choir there and his fine, deep bass voice should be quite an asset. Before his induction he was assistant superintendent of the Zion Reformed Church Sunday school. He has enlisted for a six-year hitch.









Fred Bahnson

Arthur Jones

Ray Schall

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try. Bill recently completed boot training at the Sampson, N. Y., Naval base and afterwards visited relatives and friends in the home town.

THE NAVY AT SEA

"All Hands To Battle Stations"

- * "Destination unknown" is the present status of Joseph Yamnicky, A/S, whose transfer from Bainbridge, Md., recently became news to the congregation of St. John Slovak Lutheran church. Yamnicky told friends here of his impending move when he was home. He's the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Yamnicky, Hellertown.
- ★ The family of Lieut. John Dodson is back in Bethlehem from Seattle since Lieut. Dodson has been given sea duty with the U. S. Fleet.
- ★ Somewhere in the Mediterranean with the U. S. fleet is the latest report of the whereabouts of Jack Siegfried, son of Mr. and Mrs. James



hometown memories, makes all the difference between cheer and gloom.

* Robert Wessner, S 1/c, has been

★ Sam Overbeck, S 2/c, is now on duty in the South Atlantic. He set sail after he finished his boot training at Sampson, N. Y. He's the son of Mrs. Esther Overbeck, Freemansburg.











George Swope

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- ★ Somewhere at sea with the Amphibious service of the Navy, Charles Fritz, S 2/c is getting a real taste of salt water in a big way. Charlie was inducted last May, got his "boot" training at Sampson, N. Y., and was transferred from there to Norfolk, Va. Next step was out on the ocean. Sometime ago, he was home to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fritz, Sr.
- * Vernon A. Hammer, Mus. 2/c, is fiddling or horn tooting or what have you, for we are not told what kind of instrument he plays, at a Naval operating base somewhere in Ireland. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon L. Hammer, 2008 Henderson Street, he entered the service in August of 1942 and trained at Norfolk, Va. From there he was sent to the Navy school of music at Washington, D. C. He took his bassoon or his French horn and went to Ireland in May of this year. There his tuneful accomplishments no doubt delight the Irish and we suppose he will return home with a fine repertoire of jigs and reels.
- * Raymond M. Koplin is a shipfitter first class and as such has put in a good deal of travelling time for Uncle Sam, having been at New Orleans, La., Portsmouth, R. I., back to New Orleans, then to New York. From New York he went to Puget Sound, Wash., where he was stationed at the Bremerton Navy Yard. Now he is with a motor torpedo boat squadron and his address is care of fleet postmaster. Koplin is the son of Mrs. Ida Koplin, 624 West Market Street. He entered the navy in August of 1942 as shipfitter 3/c and trained at Newport.

Siegfried, West Greenwich Street. He's newly made a seaman first class Siegfried enlisted in October, 1942.

- ★ Justly proud of his newly won rating of petty officer third class is John A. Kincaid, who recently was home on a short "shore leave" sporting his new insignia. He stepped up from fireman first class. Kincaid is the first of St. Stephen's Lutheran boys to be back from combat duty. He is now at sea and no doubt adding to his list of battle engagements.
- a busy sailor since he entered the Navy. Six months of his service were spent in the APA Ferry Crew and he has been trainer on the crew of a four-inch gun. As this is written he has just completed 11 months of duty and was fresh off ship. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Wessner, 24 West Fairview Street, and a member of Zion E. & R. Church.
- ★ Gerald Leibert, F 1/c, participated in the invasion of Sicily and more recently enjoyed a shore leave at home.









Thomas Brader

Vernon Hammer

★ Frank Podleiszek, SF-2c, located in Trinidad, is thankful for the one thing that makes life among the island natives "not so bad," namely, the company of Eddie Zelko, also from Bethlehem, his bunk mate. His firm conviction is that a friend from home, with whom one can relive good old



Donald Wetzel

★ About Donald Wetzel we have only the news that he is concerned somehow with "wooden boats." Since there are all kinds of wooden boats, from skiffs to fishing smacks, schooners or barges, the information is not enlightening. Don is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Asa Wetzel, Leibert Street.









Charles Fritz

Samuel Overbeck

Gordon Williamson

COLORED STARS

"All Loyal Men and True"



★ Because of the original success of the column "Colored Stars" in the June issue (No. 3) of "Stars," the editor vetures to try it again, this time with pictures submitted, as before, through the St. John's AME Zion, St. Paul Baptist and the Second Baptist churches, and DeWitt Groves, who acts as "coordinator."

★ However, before getting on with the news about the boys, we would like to let you read a few lines from Sgt. Wilbur A. Fauntleroy, who is making a name for himself with Uncle Sam's Army in India. The letter speaks for itself and reflects the pride and patriotism with which this young man is doing his bit. animal-drawn transport is very slow. However, they reach their destination safely. Sometimes you will see a man with a spare set of animals to give the others a rest while on the journey. I know that you have read of people riding in vehicles drawn by human beings. Well, I have ridden in one of these vehicles. The ride is very pleasant, that is, if you are riding on a smooth surface. . . . You go to a movie, and you smoke, drink or eat during the picture.

"Labor is very cheap and the equipment is very crude. Imagine mixing concrete and standing in the mortar in your bare feet.

"Another interesting sight is to see laths made of bamboo. These are tied together and used for walls of buildings.

"Corp. Sylvester Wimley and Pfc. Osea Brandon send their best regards to you (DeWitt Groves) and their Johnson of LaSelle Street. He, too, is at Camp Stewart. Pfc. Ellwood S. Capone, son of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Capone, is at Camp Adair, Ore., and finds Army life "swell." Pfc. Ben Adams, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Adams, describes the scenery at Camp Swift, Texas, as "very beautiful" and finds he has learned much during his training.

* Pfc. Frank H. Henderson, son of Mrs. Carrie Henderson, writes from England praising the scenery and says he is in good health and spirits. The Army is a "fine place for a single man" is the opinion of S/Sgt. Ivan B. Adams, son of B. S. Adams, Stroudsburg, who is in Cheyanne Wyo. Corp. L. M. Lawrence, Jr., is with an engineering battalion somewhere outside of the U.S. for he has a San Francisco APO. He is the son of the Rev. and Mrs. L. M. Lawrence, Baltimore. Sgt. William Adams is at Inglewood, Calif. He says "I have travelled much and learned much that I shall not forget." His father is Sanford Adams.

★ Oscar Lee Tarboro, S L/c, is at the Naval Training Station, Great Lakes, Ill. Toyce G. Davis is a cadet in the ASTP at Lafayette College, Easton. So is Charles R. Carrington. Pvt. Frank Grantham is at Ft. Dix, N. J. Samuel D. Sweeney, S 2/c, was home on a furlough to see his family a little time ago. Says his training is "the most outstanding thing in his life." Glenn Spencer is with an engineering battalion and has a New York APO, so he's overseas now.

★ Says Corp. Joseph W. Jones, Jr., who is at Camp J. T. Robinson, Ark., "A trucking outfit is a new mode of modernized warfare. It's a very fast and exciting life and it provides a great opportunity for the colored boys in the service because there are many things they can learn that will be of value later on.

* "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 hold: good, as has been made clear numerous times.







Oscar Tarboro

John Davis

Glenn Spencer

William Adams

Says he: "I have a job that I like very much. Since I can't tell you what I am doing I will tell you to use your imagination . . . I have a fine staff working with me and we really get along fine together. Our work is the type that keeps you busy all the time. The country I am in is full of interesting sights and if one has the opportunity to get about he can really see a plenty. Of course there are many things I have seen, some of them hard to believe, but they are happening every day, so they must be true.

"Transportation is carried on by means of rail, truck, camel carts, ox carts and donkeys. Of course the friends. The two of them are doing a fine job. Corp. Wimley is in my department and progressing very nicely."

Sgt. Fauntleroy sends his greetings to all back home. He had received two copies of "Stars" and possibly the fourth issue is now in his hands. ★ To get on with the news of some of the lads from hereabouts: Pfc. Perrin Robinson, 315 Brodhead Avenue, was home a short while ago from Camp Stewart, Ga. He is in the Anti-Aircraft and has served about 10 months. Corp. Melvin Johnson spent a brief furlough with his wife and 13-monthold daughter, Karen, and his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Solomon









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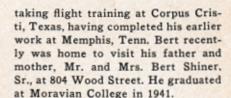
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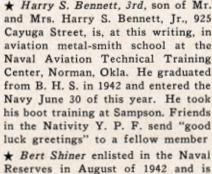
THE NAVY IN THE AIR

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- * William R. Reisch, C. Quartermaster. Ret., has been stationed at the U. S. Naval Air Station at Clinton, Okla., since last September 29. He is fortunate to have Mrs. Reisch with him. The trip west was made by auto, another bit of good fortune.
- * Congratulations to Sam Horne Ottinger who has received his commission as a lieutenant at Yale University and is now with the 15th Academic Group at Boca Raton, Fla., where he was previously.
- * Harry S. Bennett, 3rd, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry S. Bennett, Jr., 925 Cavuga Street, is, at this writing, in aviation metal-smith school at the Naval Aviation Technical Training Center, Norman, Okla. He graduated from B. H. S. in 1942 and entered the Navy June 30 of this year. He took his boot training at Sampson. Friends in the Nativity Y. P. F. send "good luck greetings" to a fellow member















Bernard Benner

Bert Shiner

Harry S. Bennett

LETTERS FROM THE SERVICES

Appreciation, Criticism and Compliments

* As we have said before, it's the letters we receive from you service men and women that tell the story of success or failure of "Stars." Happily, we have gotten very few criticisms. Oh yes, there have been some mistakes and some inadvertant remarks intended to hit a humorous note that have backfired, although none can say any malice or intent to disparge or make unhappy can be charged against us. We freely apologize to anyone who feels their sensibilities have been trod upon and hope they will realize the difficulties encountered in making this magazine "go over" without being either prissy or stickily sentimental or resorting to pulp mag. tactics.

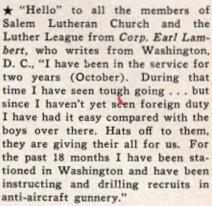
Hitting the right note so that 4,000 readers will all be pleased is a tough assignment-and there are four thousand who are getting "Stars" now, all from the 35 churches whose pastors have given us greetings (this figure includes homefolks, too).

Well, to get on, it's a pleasure to do this column, for here are excerpts from letters received since the September issue was mailed. So, without more ado:-

* Charles Kuhn, U.S. N. R., sends greetings to Russell Gower in acknowledgment of Gower's greeting to him from "somewhere in the South Pacific." Our greetings to both.

- * Back in September Pvt. Harold Bohning was in a hospital at Ft Bragg. Afterwards he wrote to "Stars": "I am now in a new outfit. I was in the hospital for 10 days and lost some of the training, but I am really enjoying my new outfit and hope to be getting my rating soon." Perhaps by this time he has his coveted stripe. Here's hoping.
- * In his letter of October 10th. Donald Medlecot, GM 3/c, now 3,000 miles from home at San Diego, Calif., says, "When I lend the magazine ("Stars") to the other fellows they all wish that their city would have one like it. I can cut out the pictures of the buddies and friends I know in the service." That's a new wrinkle, at least never one that has been mentioned before. We live and learn!
- * "It was very nice to see Bethlehem after being away four months," writes Pvt. Gerald Werkheiser from Camp Reynolds, Pa. He was home from August 24 to September 7 after going through five weeks of basic and eight weeks of electrical training.
- * Writes Sgt. Francis D. Boyle from his post with the India-China Wing, ATC, "I haven't met anybody from the home town so far. Perhaps, though, I may soon." Well, it sounds as if where you are, sarge, is a pretty big territory, but we hope some Bethlehemite has slapped you on the shoulder long 'ere this. Best of luck.





- * "Had a wonderful time on my furlough, but was surprised to find the town so empty," we hear from Pfc. Walter C. Kessler, Jr. He says, "Most of the boys from Hellertown are in the 'Airborne' and I get very little chance to see or talk to them." Kessler says that swimming was a big help during the hot weather in keeping up the spirits of the men.
- * Pfc. Wilson Sloyer wrote on Octotober 4 that he has been shifted from Westover Field to Mountain Home, Idaho. He's with the AAF and has spent ten months in the service.

MORE LETTERS

- ★ Charlie Stein, if you will write to your folks and tell them to give your picture to their pastor or church service committee, and a little write-up about you and your doings, "Stars" will be glad to use it.
- ★ A swell letter was handed to us by the rector of Trinity Episcopal Church, Mr. Moore, t' other day. It comes from Bob Scheetz, one of his boys in the Navy, and is dated October 17. "Since I have last written," says Scheetz, a seaman first class, "I have changed my status and am getting some sub duty. I am on a swell boat with good officers and crew so what more can I ask for. . . . I never saw a bigger bunch of eaters in my life. Sometimes I think that's all they live for.

"Life aboard a sub is a lot more interesting than on surface craft. It may have its ups and downs, but everyone must learn the boat thoroughly because he knows it's not only himself he has to think about."

- * A letter expressive of true Christian faith was received by Rev. Dr. E. A. Stiegler from Lt. Kascmer, the tenor of which was as follows: Their church services are conducted amidst nature's wonders, with the sky as their ceiling, the ground as their floor and the songs of the birds as their organ music. Yet no more beautiful Church could be found in which to worship the Lord, their Saviour, Lt. Kascmer wrote further that for six months he did not sleep in a bed since the fox hole was his nightly place of rest and that he was near kin to dirt and grime, not having had a bath for the same length of time.
- ★ Next on the pile beside the typewriter is a letter signed by John Kleckner, S 2/c, who writes, "I am dropping you a few lines to tell you that I have received "Stars in The Service" from some shipmates of mine who are from Bethlehem. Walter Glina and Charles Wesner, Jr. We were shipmates aboard the same ship for a while. We have been overseas 14 months and here in North Africa since November 7, 1942 (that makes it a year) and we like this place very much.

"I received the award of the Purple Heart after being wounded in action June 4, 1943." Kleckner goes on to say that he has been in the service 18 months. He says his current nickname is "Kenny," and to Kenny we say that we received the picture, but it is not sufficiently sharp, nor is the face clear enough to reproduce well in the magazine. Send us another.

* "As you will note from the address, our unit has again changed stations," writes Capt. William B. Todd from Camp Gordon, Johnston, Fla. "Once again we are spending the winter in the South; once more we are being subjected to a new type of training. The nature of this instruction I am not permitted to divulge, other than to say that we have been promised it will immediately be put to use when we leave here.

"In reflecting upon my 2½ years in the service I am somewhat dismayed at the distance I have traveled, and the little I have seen. Some 8,000 miles have been traversed in reporting to stations in the North, then to stations in the South. It is a common hope that our next trip will be in neither of these directions but directly East or West; and if such is the case, then we confidently expect to move as quietly from conquest to conquest as we have from post to post."

- ★ "I should like to shake hands with everyone connected with supporting 'Stars'," writes Pfc. William F. Bratsch from North Africa. That would be a job, Bill, for it would mean greeting close to 3,000 of your fellow Bethlehemites, each of whom has contributed toward the magazine so that you and 2,000 or more others in service may receive it. It's a nice idea, though.
- * Although the bulk of "Stars" is mailed to camps in the U. S., better than 400 are mailed overseas, and it takes a long time for some to reach their destination. Pfc. Dale Kemmerer, who is somewhere in the distant reaches of the South Pacific, writes on October 14: "Greetings from Down Under. I have just received my June copy of 'Stars.' I look forward to that piece of art. (!) I have been overseas for some time and news from home travels very slowly. My parents send me the Globe-Times and it takes over a month to come. I have lived in Bethlehem all my life and am a member of College Hill Moravian Church. I love the town and every one in it. Someday, when this war is over I expect to come back and never leave it again." Now what do you say to that, Christmas City?
- ★ "Sicily is a nice place but I can't talk Italian," is the plaint of Corp. Lawrence Lorrah in his V-mail letter of early September. "These foreign countries are all right, but they sure must go some to beat the good old U.S.A. Home would certainly be appreciated by many thousands of U. S. troops when this war is over."

- ★ We have a V-mail letter from Wilfred Kramer, F 1/c, in the U. S. Navy, who describes the going in the Mediterranean as "pretty rough." "Things are beginning to quiet down somewhat," he wrote on October 20. "My wife is residing at her mother's home, 534 East Laurel Street, and she keeps me in touch with most of the happenings in Bethlehem, such as sports, my friends being called into the service, and other matters."
- ★ Here's a letter, dated October 6, that comes from George Bradford. "Hello folks," he says. "Want to thank you for the second edition of 'Stars' (he should have the others, too, by now). It came last evening just before I went on guard duty. I've been shifted around quite a bit lately, the reason for its late arrival. I am detained at this depot (unnamed). I have a temporary address A certain little bug bit me and put me in the hospital for a while, so I am not with my regular outfit.

"I met Lt. Woodrow King over here about three months ago. I notice you have an item about 'Topkick' Wotherspoon. He happens to be my brother-in-law and we are both in the fighting first division. Guess you know this outfit went great guns in North Africa and in Sicily. I was in that party they had in Sicily."

- ★ Here's "hello" to all the friends of Leon J. Ferry—"Irish" to you ——, who sends V-mail greetings from North Africa. Irish is with the navy's amphibious command. He says, "I received 'Stars', one dated June, which came aboard our ship with the mail. . . I think it is a wonderful book issued through the churches and people of Bethlehem."
- *"I am in North Africa and have been here for quite some time," we hear from Walter Glina, an Emmanuel Evangelical Congregational boy. "I'm feeling fine and have been advanced to fireman first class. Wish me luck for my next rate, because it is going to be a 'lulu'." He signs off as "Wal." He has been in service something over a year, not two years, as stated in September.
- ★ Overseas close to six months by now, when Pfc. William G. Smith wrote the score was not quite so high, but even then he said "it will be a very happy day for all us fellows to see the Lady in the harbor (Statue of Liberty) once more. The outfit I am with has done a good job over here and has given the Axis plenty to worry about."

YET MORE LETTERS

- * "Just a few lines to thank you for my latest copy of 'Stars'," writes John Kresge. "It arrived this afternoon (October 12) and was a most welcome sight. I noticed in this issue that there were a few Bethlehemites stationed in Hawaii. I have met only one fellow from the ol' home town so far. He was 'Red' Taglang, a former high school buddy of mine. That was over a year ago, so I don't have any idea where he is now. Although we have warm weather here all year 'round, I'd gladly be able to exchange it for a short while back there with the cold weather you have."
- * Pvt. Adelbert Ellis writes from "Somewhere in Sicily" to tell us all that he is enjoying "Stars." "I am kind of a stranger in a way," Ellis says, "as my home is in Michigan. I have a few friends in Bethlehem and so, on my weekend passes, I used to come up and I attended the Mennonite Church. I have learned to like Bethlehem very much, so much that I hope to make my home there when I come back." He liked Bethlehem so much, too, it seems, that he became engaged to a local girl, Dorcas Bruch, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Bruch of 1110 Monocacy Street. "I have been in the service over two years and I find the life real interesting since I have been in so many places,' writes Ellis. He served at first with the Military Police, but changed to the Quartermaster Corps.
- * From James B. Lunger, F 1/c. aboard a battleship, comes a letter of appreciation for "Stars," Jim writes that he is one of the boys who volunteered for the Navy at the Allentown Fair Grounds last year . . . I belong to SS. Simon and Jude parish." It is unfortunate that we do not have any of our city's Catholic churches on our list of participants, but evidently friends of their boys among the Protestant denominations are seeing that the magazine reaches many of them. Perhaps some day we can persuade our Catholic friends to "come in" on the project, too.
- * Among other things mentioned in a very nice letter from Sgt. Albert L. Mills dated October 17, we are told that "at present I am in Arizona, on the desert. We are holding desert maneuvers where General Patton's army received its training. It is very hot and I have made the acquaintance of a few 'sidewinders,' scorpions and the like. Can't say that I want to be too friendly with them." Can't say as we blame you, Al.

- * Well, well, a letter from the distaff side of the Navy. Marjorie Mae Delp, yeoman third class, writes to us from San Diego, Calif., "I wish to take this opportunity to thank you for sending me the September issue of "Stars." It certainly means a lot to those so far away knowing that the folks back home are thinking of them." Yoeman Marjorie is more than welcome to her copies of "Stars." We are proud of all our service women, for they are perhaps more deserving of our goodwill than we are sometimes ready to admit. More power to 'em, we say!
- * Lieut. Luther K. Ritter put pen to paper on October 8 and told us a little about himself, including the fact that he left Bethlehem shortly after graduation from high school and that he finds "Stars" recalls to him many familiar faces and names. "I enlisted in the Army Airforces in June, 1941," he says, "and since then have been shuttling from border to border and coast to coast so much that I find it difficult to keep you in touch with my address. However, orchids to our postal service for I think I have received every issue. So far I have not met many service men from Bethlehem. At present I am a bombardier and navigator on a Martin Marauder medium bomber and find the work very interesting although fatiguing. During the past 27 months I have been stationed at 12 different fields and never know when or where I'll be next."
- * Here is a letter we are especially happy to print. It comes from Pvt. John R. Myers, Jr., of the U. S. Marines. "As you probably know by now," he writes, "I am a former member of the B. H. S. Glee Club and was baritone soloist in the Melody Singers I am now in the fourth week of boot training (at Camp Lejeune, N. C.) The training is rough and tough, but very interesting. Since I am the first colored boy to leave Bethlehem for the Marines I am trying my best to be a perfect gentleman and a good Marine." He goes on to say, "In return for the magazine you sent me, I'd like to thank you from the bottom of my heart. I hope I am able to receive every issue. I am the son of Mr. and Mrs. John R. Myers, 506 Sioux Street." As long as "Stars" comes out, John, and as long as your name is on the mailing list of your church you will get the magazine. Keep up your fine work. There are close to 30 colored men and girls in service from Bethlehem, all doing well. You may be proud of your people. We in the old town are.

* Let's all hope Sailor Bill Rowe gets to read Gordon Thomas' copy of this number, for Bill is a true blue chum and has written to "Stars" thusly: "I am a sailor from Washington, D. C., stationed here at Winter Harbor, Me. My best friend is Gordon Thomas, a member of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, Bethlehem. I was looking through his copy of 'Stars' the other day and ran across an article that is a great injustice to him. It mentions Tommy attending radio school in Connecticut, Well, he completed his training June 28, and then was sent to Naval Radio station at Washington where he graduated as a radio operator and is now rated as radioman, 3rd class petty officer. He left Washington September 17 and at present is stationed here in Winter Harbor where he's guarding important Navy circuits.

Tommy recently started a class in horseback riding and took on the job of teaching 22 fellows and one woman to ride. Last Saturday evening he entered a roller skating contest in Bangor and took first prize in the waltzing contest. His partner was a beautiful nurse from Eastern Maine General Hospital.

"My name is Bill and I've been with Tommy since boot camp and while stationed in Washington I took him to my home at every opportunity. He returned the invitation and I went to Bethlehem with him over a weekend. I enjoyed my visit there and hope to return again soon. I hope you can obtain a little more recent 'dope' about Tommy in this letter."-There's a real pal, no kidding! Bill. thanks for the 'dope' on Tommy. Many of the things you relate happened to him after we had compiled our news for the magazine. We depend on family and friends and church contacts and a letter like yours is real manna. Tommy is doing all right and here's hoping you are, too.

* "Clem" W. Halteman, Jr., wrote on September 28 that the day before he finished his nine weeks of basic flight training at Gunter Field. Ala. "I had a total of 80 hours and that gives me a grand total of 145 flying hours. By the 1st or 2nd of October I should be back in 'God's Country' (up North again). Unless my shipping orders are changed I'll be going to Freeman Field, Seymour, Ind. If I make the grade I'll get my silver wings and commission." Clem's letter is very long and interesting and we wish there were more room, but looking over the pile of letters to be answered one way or another, it begins to appear as if a little brevity is needful, in fact imperative.

STILL MORE LETTERS

- ★ From Eddie Marcel's letter we take this one line, because it no doubt epitomizes the thoughts of every married man in uniform, wherever he may be. Wrote Eddie, "I sure wish I could see my wife. I miss her!" Marcel is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Marcel, 410 Pawnee Street, and married a South Carolina girl.
- * It seems we were mixed up in our Gromans, but Marjorie, a yeoman 3/c in the WAVES, set us straight. "I have two corrections to make," she writes. "'Molly' is not my nickname but Mary Groman's, who is stationed in Corpus Cristi, Texas. Also I have been a Y 3/c since June." Apologies to the two sailorettes for mixing them up and congrats to Marjorie on her promotion. Glad you like "Stars" so much. Oh, yes, "Washington, (D. C.) is a wonderful place, and we all have a grand time when we are not at work. This isn't a city of all women as the rumors go around," the young lady tells us.
- ★ Sgt. Granville Frey asks a pertinent question in his latest letter. Says he, "What's a glider trooper if he hasn't been up in a glider?" That was September 23. Frey was at Camp Mackall with the Airborne troops looking forward to actual gliding and no doubt by now he has had his fill.
- * We hear from "Chuck" Wesner, "I am the only guy from Bethlehem left on the ship now. The other three have been transferred. I knew Kosiba for a long time while he was on this boat, but never knew he was from Bethlehem. If I could see Walt Glina I would like to know what made him say that he was 'taking life easy'." And we'll hold you to that promise to "personally thank us," Chuck, though it's thanks enough to know that "Stars" does for you and all our Bethlehem buddies just what we intend it to do.
- ★ We have a nice letter from Margaret F. Bracko, Y. 3/c in the SPAR. It came all the way from the west coast, San Francisco, to be exact. She was in a recruiting office at the time.
- ★ Others who have written, more or less at length, are Clifford Hahn, from the South Pacific; C. Davies, "somewhere in Australia"; Earl Hartzell, who read "Stars" in a foxhole in the battle zone; Elwood Kichline, with the Marines in the South Pacific; Mrs. Evelyn B. Mengel, whose husband is with the troop carrier squadron in Florida.
- * Also Richard Bender, whose address is San Francisco APO; R. A.

Adamy, who sent a card from Iowa City, Iowa, Raymond F. Thomas, who received his "Stars" in the first mail to come ashore in Sicily; William Bailey, San Francisco APO; William H. Snyder, McChord Field, Washington; Walter L. Wolfe, San Francisco APO; John Renninger, across the Atlantic somewhere; Sylvester Wimley, who is with Sgt. Fauntleroy in India; Paul Kuklentz, writing then from England; Walter L. Wolfe, Jr., who signs himself a "delighted admirer"; Ernest Enix, in New Guinea, and who refers to William Bailey in his note; LaRohn Deysher, aboard ship in the Pacific; John Stadinger. with a bombing squadron in the Pacific area; Aux. Alice Smith, in motor transport at Ft. DesMoines; Leonard Repash, in Alaska, and Lt. Ned Conner, with the India-China Wing, ATC.

★ Some day when the war is over and everyone is back home, the readers of "Stars" will get together in person. Meanwhile, it is a real joy to know that these endeavors are serving to keep the homefront and battlefront united. God bless you all, wherever you are.

FAMILY ALBUM

- * Since the September issue of "Stars" five more members of Bethany Evangelical and Reformed Church have joined the colors. They are Edwin J. Christman, son of Mrs. Wallace Fry, 428 West Union Boulevard, in the Coast Artillery, Camp McQuaide, Calif.; George E. Myers. son of Mr. and Mrs. Elvin E. Myers, 606 West Union Boulevard, the Navy at Sampson, N. Y.; Frank H. Borger, Jr., son of Frank H. Borger, 507 West Broad Street, the Sea-Bees at Camp Peary, Va.; Kenneth Remaley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Remaley, 62 West Spruce Street, and John Peffer, 531 Sixth Avenue, the Navy at Sampson Naval Training Base.
- ★ One Sunday morning not so long ago, Pastor Roy Grams of First Moravian greeted the following of his flock, returned for brief visits from their duties with the armed forces: Pvt. Robert Geisenderfer, now at Georgetown University, Washington, D. C.; Richard Reynolds, R. M. 3/c, now at Dams Neck Mills, London Bridge, N. J., and S/Sgt. John Lintner of Orlando, Fla. Richard Kresge, Qm. 2/c, recently of Philadelphia, was also in church, fully recovered from his recent illness and

awaiting orders. So were Raymond A. Dubbs, S 2/c, Bedford Springs; Charles Minnich, CPO, Wild Crest, N. J., and Burton Ruhf, AS.

- ★ Grace Lutheran Church boasts a three-brother group in the service now since two more sons of Mr. and Mrs. Paul C. Fry, 729 Main Street, have gone into the service. Donald is with the Army in North Carolina and Richard is in the Navy at Sampson, N. Y. Paul, Jr., is a bombardier with the Airforce and is based in England.
- ★ Since the September issue of "Stars," Fritz Memorial Methodist Church has added another name to the service roster and another star to the flag. Latest to go is Walter Alexander of Quakertown. He is with the Navy at Sampson, N. Y., and has just about completed his "boot" training. Walter contracted blood poisoning from an injury to his hand while at home on his first furlough and was laid up for several weeks.

This adds another brother team in William and Edwin Christman and another threesome in Reginald, Lester and Kenneth Remaley.

★ Seven families in the congregation of Christ Evangelical and Reformed Church count two members in the service, two families have three each serving and two of the former have a son and daughter each. The latter are Mr. and Mrs. John Freudenberger, Arlington Avenue, whose daughter, Nancy, is a private in the Marines, and whose son, Merritt, is a private in the Army. Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Kocher, Center Street, are proud of their daughter, Dorothy, a 2nd Lieutenant in the ANC, and son, C. James, a private in the Army.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Kuetz, Butztown, have sons, Harold and William, serving as Army privates; Mr. and Mrs. James Coleman, 563 Market Street, have sons, James and John, privates

Then there are Tobias L. Jaeger, Jr., seaman third class, and Pvt. William B. Jaeger, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Tobias Jaeger, Eighth Avenue, and Pvts. John and William Bratsch, sons of Mr. and Mrs. John Bratsch, North Street, all Bethlehem.

★ Six new stars were added to the service flag of St. Paul's Evangelical and Reformed Church Sunday, October 17, and dedicated in honor of Russell J. J. Graber, S 2/c; Pvt. Delbert Achey, William L. Rudolph, MM 2/c; Pvt. Granville Miller; James B. Moyer, A.S., and Warren Crouthamel, A/S. St. Paul's now has 35 boys in the armed service, ten of them overseas. Christmas boxes are being sent to every one of them.

WITH THE LEATHERNECKS

"On The Land As On The Sea"

- * There's a smile of real satisfaction on the face of Gilbert T. Schaffer, for he is one of Bethlehem's sons who's seen plenty of real front line action and those medals on his coat weren't won shooting Skeet. After the usual preliminaries at Parris Island and New River, Gilbert was sent to Camp Elliott, Calif., in November, 1942. After a short stay there he was shipped down to the South Pacific and he has been there nine months as this is written. According to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Schaffer, 702 West Union Boulevard, Gilbert has written to say he's been in lots of fighting and twice in the hospital.
- * Pfc. Tommy Horner is now in Omaha, Neb., where he is undergoing training in the radio materials school -learning to take 'em apart and put 'em together again. Tommy has made good progress in the Marines and finished his work with the signal corps division with fine marks.

- * Walter Edelman, who enlisted in February of 1942, is now aboard ship with a contingent of real scrappers and likes it very much. After training at Parris Island, Edelman was a guard at the Philadelphia Navy Yard for a time. He has many friends in Grace Reformed Church who are wishing him "good hunting."
- * One of the first men to go from Fountain Hill is Corp. George H. Dunbar, who enlisted soon after the Jap attack on Pearl Harbor. He went through the Guadalcanal campaign, was wounded and sent back to the states and is now on Military Police duty at San Diego, Calif. He, too, is a member of Grace Church.
- * Franklin Kramer, Holy Trinity Lutheran, is doing right by himself in the Leathernecks, for he is a sergeant now. Other information about him is lacking at this time.









Walter Edelman, Jr. Charles H. King, Jr.

Paul Kolesar Charles Westwood

- * Friends of Pvt. Robert C. Rehm in Fritz Memorial congregation were sorry to learn that he has been confined to the hospital at Camp LeJeune. N. C. Best wishes for quick recovery
- * Camp LeJeune must seem almost like home to Corp. Robert P. Landrock, for he spent most of his period in service at this Marine base.
- * His eye on the Marine flying service, Pvt. William Lewis is training at Cherry Point, N. C. He hopes to go to aviation school. Recently he paid a visit to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Lewis, 1120 Mansfield Court.
- * Sgt. David Scurry is, at this writing at Camp LeJeune, N. C., Marine Base. Mrs. Scurry has moved from Hellertown to Bethlehem West Side. It is understood she is not worried about the "Marine Female Unit."
- * Putting his skill with anti-aircraft to good use in the South Pacific is Pvt. William R. Hartzell, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Hartzell, Bethlehem.
- * Granville Miller probably has finished his period of training on the rifle range by now. He lived in a pup tent and enjoyed the experience.
- * Lee Gangwere is somewhere overseas with the Leathernecks.



- * Pvt. William Chandler is at an airbase in California with a very picturesque name, Kearney Mesa.
- * Corp. Elwood H. Kichline, son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard E. Kichline, 1626 East Fourth Street, is well over the one year in service mark. In fact, he celebrated the anniversary August 3 somewhere in the South Pacific. After the usual Parris Island and New River training, he was sent as a private first class to radio maintenance school. Later he went to San Diego, Calif., from there to Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, and from there to ports beyond. He is an L.H.S. graduate and a former Steel employee.
- * Charles H. King, Jr., enlisted in the Marine Corps in March of this year. After his Boot training at Parris Island, S. C., where he won medals for expert marksman, bayonet, pistol, handgrenade and sub-machine gun ("That's about all," he said), he was transferred, after some hard work in the Electrician Mate's School at Newport, to the Marine Air Base at Cherry Point, N. C. Charley graduated from Technical High where he won a sweater for baseball (pitcher) and soccer (outside right). He played with the Bethlehem A's and for two years with the Legion baseball team (third base). In the winter he was forward on Nick's basketball team and was a member of the team that won the cup in the City League a few days before he left for Boot Camp. He welcomes the "Stars" because many of the fellows are his friends and he likes to know how they are doing. He says, "It's tough buying War Bonds with the pay I get, but I want to buy as many as I can get."















Gilbert Schaffer, Jr.

Franklin Kramer

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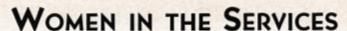
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* Pfc. Ruth Frankenfield of the Women's Marine Reserve Corps, U.S. M.C,. is working in Washington, D. C., in the Navy Annex. She is living at Henderson Hall, Arlington, Va. The daughter of Mr. and Mrs James Frankenfield, 28 East Ettwein Street, she entered the Marines August 4. A brother, Royce, is a sergeant in the airforce and is somewhere in the European theatre.

- * Julia Kercsmar, V 3/c, in the WAVES is on duty with the director of the port at New York City. She joined the service in April and trained first at Hunter College, N. Y., and then at Stillwater, Okla. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Kercsmar, 601 Laufer Avenue, and is a graduate of Bethlehem Business College. Before enlisting she worked at the courthouse in Easton.
- * Everybody at Fritz Memorial Church was delighted at a recent Sunday to see Corp. Dorothy Kunkle of the WAC. She thoroughly enjoyed her brief furlough and made good use of her long-laid-away bicycle. That familiar smile of hers is still in working order, undimmed by Army
- * Milla Leone Weidner is charge nurse in the orthopedic wards at the Norfolk Naval Hospital, a work she finds as interesting as she does reading "Stars." Miss Weidner, who is a graduate of the Hellertown high school, class of '38, and of the Allentown General Hospital school of nursing, 1941, enlisted December 4, 1942, and was called up for duty January 19 of this year.



Every Lass Let's A Fighter Fight

- * Anne Lehr Bigelow has been graduated from Naval Midshipmen's School at Smith College and now is stationed at the Bureau of Naval Operations, Washington, D. C.
- * One of the latest recruits from Bethlehem to join the WAC is Mrs. Hilda Carpenter, 1972 Brookside Avenus. Mrs. Carpenter, believe it or not, is a grandma, her daughter being married and a mother herself. Now then, who can match Trinity Episcopal with another Grandmother WAC.
- * Mr. and Mrs. Charles T. Glose, Sr., 114 East Elizabeth Avenue, have been informed that their daughter, Alice, up to now a private in the WAC, has received her first stripe and is now private first class. Privately, she's a first class private!
- * Here's a gal who has really gotten along in that outfit, the WAC. She's Corp. Tech. Peg Silfies, a graduate of the Army Air Corps School of Applied Tactics at Orlando, Fla. She enlisted November 7, 1942, and received her basic training at Des Moines. The 20th of December she was shipped to Bangor, Me., and in March was sent to Camp Polk, La.
- * 2nd Lieut. Elizabeth J. Ziegenfuss, daughter of Mrs. A. Ziegenfuss of Radcliff Street, is with the Army Nurses Corps at the 32nd Evacuation Hospital. Two brothers are also in the service. David and Franklin, both in the Navy.
- * Pfc. Lillian George is now at the WAC base at Hamilton Field, Calif. Other news of her is lacking at this time, but the picture speaks volumes.









Lillian George

Peg Silfies

Ruth Frankenfield Nancy Freudenberger

- * Without the Army Nurse the plight of every man in Uncle Sam's Army would be indeed tough-from the greenest buck private right on up the line to the brass-hattedest brass hat who ever ran a fever. So we give you Lieut. Elizabeth C. Zonay, ANC, a little girl with curly black hair and a quiet manner, who practices her art these days at Keesler Field, Miss. Lieut. Zonay graduated at Bethlehem High in 1932 and trained at St. Luke's. She enlisted in the ANC February 15, 1941, at Ft. Meade, Md., and since then has been at Camp Pickett, Va., and Ft. Bragg, N. C. She has been at Keesler for the past year.
- * Pfc. Harriet E. Huber, WAC, has been transferred from Ft. Oglethorpe, Ga., to Ft. Meyer, Va.

- * Pfc. Thelma Clouse of the WAC is now in England and is operating a teletype. In a recent letter home she said she visited in London and found the city very wonderful.
- * Victoria Hermsted has been commissioned an ensign in the WAVES, we learn from the newsletter of the First Moravian Church, sent to us the Rev. Roy Grams, pastor.
- * Pfc. Nancy C. Freudenberger, who enlisted in the Marines June 17 and left for training at LeJeune, N. C., the 17th of August, is at present a stenographer in the Navy Annex. payments division, Washington, D. C. She lives in Arlington, Va. Nancy is the sister of Pvt. Merrit Freudenberger, a Military Police member.
- * A long way from home, just about as far as it is possible to go and still stay in territorial United States, is Pvt. Frances Carcione of the WAC. who is in Ephreta, Wash. She was home on furlough in September.



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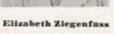


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DAN CUPID'S DEPARTMENT

"'Tis Love That Makes The World Go'Round"

- * "Stars" has learned that T/Sgt. George Fenner has married himself a wife, a South Carolina Belle. The report, straight from the First Moravian Newsletter, gives no other details save that Pastor Grams, Mrs. Grams and Martha, have met the bride and the inference is that she is both lovely to look upon and charming to know. On the strength of this information, "Stars" ventures congratulations to Sgt. Fenner.
- * Wedding bells, although we've never heard any church bells rung for weddings in Bethlehem, rang out for Sgt. Julius Ozdinec, now again of Camp Edwards, Mass., and Grace Banik, the organist at St. John Slovak Lutheran Church. The ceremony was performed August 21, and a pretty nuptial it was, the pastor, the Rev. John Daniel, tieing the knot. After a few weeks together in Michigan, they had to separate due to commitments of Sgt. Ozdinec, previously made with Uncle Sam.
- ★ The engagement of Miss Jeanette
 Miller to Corp. Robert E. Gross, son
 of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond H. Gross,
 746 Wyandotte Street, was announced
 when Corp. Gross was in town recently on a 15-day furlough. Miss
 Miller's parents made known the betrothal. At the conclusion of his
 "vacation" Corp. Gross was sent to
 Fort Ord, Calif. Best wishes.
- ★ "Stars" indefatigible correspondents at Trinity Church, Freemansburg, want you all to know that the gals are not forgetting their boy friends just now far, far from home. They report that Kathryn Barber trekked all the way to Iowa to see her uniformed soldier boy, while Margaret Resenteel traveled to Tennessee to see her "heart ache." That's the spirit, girls! That's the spirit!
- * In September "Stars" there was a modest mention of the nuptials of Sgt. Grover C. Trumbower, Jr., U.S. M. C., and Miss Marion V. Klinger, of Allentown. On October 4 comes a letter from Sgt. Trumbower all the way from San Francisco. Two pictures were enclosed, one of himself and bride, the other of himself and Truman Frey, whom he ran into in 'Frisco. We reproduce bride and groom here, but can not use t'other as the faces are too small to reproduce well. The sergeant and his spouse were united June 1 in Zion Lutheran Church in a very simple ceremony and they are, he writes, "a very happy couple." We are sure everyone joins in wishing them joy.







Reading top to bottom: Sgt. and Mrs. Grover C. Trumbore; Pvt. and Mrs. Kenneth Pearson; Pvt. and Mrs. Erwin D. H. Sterner; GM 1/c and Mrs. Joseph E. Mazsa.



- ★ Norman F. Yocum, who recently received the rating of coxswain in the Navy, was united in marriage to Miss Ruby Schook, 131 East Union Street, at St. Paul's Evangelical and Reformed Church, October 9 at 5 P. M. The pastor, the Rev. Chester L. Brachman, performed the ceremony. After a week's leave Norman was forced to go back to his post.
- ★ "Sea-Bee Takes Bride" would be the headline if this were a newspaper story. Raymond A. Buss, Jr., EM3/c, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Buss, 1746 Madison Avenue, came home on a ten-day furlough back in August and while here, on the twelfth of the month, he married Miss Doris Constantine, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Constantine, Allentown.

The Rev. Byron K. Horne, pastor of Central Moravian Church, married the couple in the Old Chapel. Mr. Charles Constantine, brother of the bride, stood up for the Sea-Bee, and Miss Ellen Buss, the latter's sister, attended the bride.

Sea-Bee Buss enlisted last June 30, "boot trained at Camp Peary, Va., and was sent from there to Fort Hueneme, Cal., and thence to the Aleutians. He is a graduate of Tech High, '41, and was an electrician for the Steel Co. before enlisting. Edgoboro Moravian has his star.

- ★ Warrant Officer Willam Weiner and Miss Ann Lilly were married in the old Moravian Chapel on Septemter 15 by the Rev. John S. Groenfeldt, pastor of the West Side Moravian Church, where the bride is a member. The bridegroom is a member of the College Hill Moravian Church. Bill has been out in the Pacific area with the Air Force for a good long time, and came back to the U. S. recently to get over a case of malaria.
- ★ October 2, in St. John's Windish Lutheran Church, Miss Helen Kuronya, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kuronya, Hellertown, and Joseph Mazsa, GM 1/c, U.S.N., were married by the pastor, the Rev. Dr. E. A. Stiegler. At the time the bridegroom was on a two week leave from his duties at Washington, D. C., where he was embarked on a six weeks' course in advanced gunnery.

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Season's Greetings From Our Pastors

E DITORS, amateurs even more than professionals, get ideas, and when the idea bug bites nothing will do but that it must be tried out. So it is with this feature which we thought appropriate to the Thanksgiving-Christmas season.

You readers of "Stars" will find in the following paragraphs, messages of greeting, of hope, encouragement and spiritual refreshment from the pastors of the 35 churches which are sending this magazine to their sons and daughters in the armed services. Whatever your church, you will find your own pastor's words here. We hope, however, that you will read each of these messages.

Although we had set a limit to the number of words to be employed, it was soon evident that the limit was too confining, and each is substantially as submitted to us. Now, to them we add our own few words of greeting and best wishes and these familiar lines from the last verse of Longfellow's immortal "Christmas Bells":



"God is not dead; nor doth he sleep!
The Wrong shall fail,
The Right prevail,
With Peace on Earth, Good-will to men."



Calvary Evangelical and Reformed

The Thanksgiving and the Christmas season mark the peak in rejoicing and celebration for the whole year. We have great reason for Thanksgiving this year, the main one being, that you and all our men have demonstrated that Our Country is worth fighting for and defending. We are grateful for your courage, heroism, and achievements.

Again, we are proud that above all, you are fighting for Christian principles; that freedom, good will and peace may be the portion of all men, in the name of Him who came to bring Joy and Peace to all the World. Whether near or far, we send you our affectionate greetings, and offer fervent prayers for your health, and above all, your safe return to your families and your church.

Joseph S. Peters, D.D., Pastor

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College Hill Moravian

As we simultaneously share in our holiday celebrations we experience a sense of fellowship which distance may dim but cannot destroy. It was our desire that the Christmas candles sent to you should serve as visible symbols of this spiritual bond.

While you bless us with your determination to shield us from enemies, at the cost of discipline and self-sacrifice, we sincerely invoke upon you the blessing of the Christchild whose spirit shall again turn conflict into peace.

Milton A. Yaeck, Pastor

Trinity Episcopal

As we keep the great American Festival of "Thanksgiving," there are many things for which we on the Home Front are most grateful. Foremost in our minds is the fact that we can never adequately express our gratitude for the magnificent work our Armed Forces are accomplishing in carrying out their Mission to preserve for the entire world the priceless Democratic heritage which has been ours for generations.

Coupled with this thought is the prayer that the observance of Christmas may be a re-birth in our own hearts of a deeper desire to bring this "Peace and Good will" among all men.

Merrill Miles Moore, Rector

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Olivet Evangelical-Congregational

In all the world and in all time, nothing is like Christmas, the celebration of the birth of Christ. Now when the year is dark, our spirits glow; we are planning happiness for others, we are obeying the commandment that we love one another, but most of all we are praying; praying for your safety, the joy of your home coming, and once again "Peace on earth, good will to men."

"Wishing you at Christmas.
Fulfillment of each prayer
And hoping He will bless you,
With His tender love and care!"

R. S. Wolfgang, Pastor

St. Matthew's Lutheran

Thanksgiving and Christmas are linked not only in our memories but in spirit. The first American Thanksgiving was an expression of gratitude not for plenteous gifts, but for a gracious, giving God.

Even so Christmas takes us back to a quiet hour beneath the stars, when God gave to oppressed mankind the hope of peace and good will through a Christ whose kingly glory was to give his life in service of righteousness and love.

In Him we may be both thankful and hopeful and merry.

William C. Berkemeyer, Pastor

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Trinity Evangelical and Reformed, Freemansburg

"Thanksgiving and Christmas is a mockery this year!" a man was heard to say. And he's right, it is. Thanksgiving—indeed! What is there to be thankful for? And Christmas, Like Scrooge, we say, "Humbug!"

There will be many who will feel that way about Thanksgiving and Christmas this season. But we hope none of you will be among them. Think of Thanksgiving and Christmas not as accomplished facts but as goals toward which we are moving.

Thanksgiving will always be on the horizon toward which we press until life for us and all men shall be such that we can say, "This is the way it ought to be." And Christmas is not an event in the past. It is a hope for the future. It is something toward which we are moving — "Peace on earth, goodwill toward men."

With all our hearts we covet this hope for you this season. May you never weary of pressing on in the true spirit of Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Paul Strauch, Pastor

First Presbyterian

I salute you. There is little I can give you, but there is much you can take. Take Hope! Affirm: "Thou will keep me in perfect peace because I trust in Thee." Take Peace! Believe. Above all, claim what angel hands ever stretch outward to give.

So, I greet you, with assurance of my esteem, praying that the day may break, the shadows flee away, and that soon for you may arise a new day.

Roger Enloe, Minister

St. Paul's Baptist

We of St. Paul's, looking around and finding so many gone from the fireside, can but pray and long for your early return. Although far from home, and many of you in foreign lands and unable to be with us through the Thanksgiving and Christmas season, we are with you in spirit and prayer.

We send our good wishes, trusting that you will not forget that He who knoweth all things and hath all power will, through our pleas and faithful efforts and firm determination, bring a speedy end to world conflict so that we may be at peace and you at home once more.

J. F. Walker, Pastor

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Second Baptist

Greetings of the twin seasons— Thanksgiving and Christmas. Boys, remember you are fighting a great war under the world's greatest banner, the Stars and Stripes—"Old Glory."

"Don't let it touch the ground boys, Don't let it touch the ground! Shot and shall may burst all 'round you,

But you must keep Old Glory up, boys!

Don't let it touch the ground."

Wishing you a Merry Christmas and may God bless you,

E. D. Johnson, Pastor

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Zion Evangelical and Reformed

Grateful are we for Thanksgiving and Christmas. They bring messages of hope, joy and peace. Whether near or far, we carry these messages in our hearts, planted there by loved ones. With such noble impulses as the mighty urge, you are able to carry on feeling that it will not be long until you shall be home again.

Peace must come. The Prince of Peace still rules. Tyranny and slavery must go. Human brotherhood is the vision of a happy future.

We of Zion Church are waiting for a happy reunion in "The little church on the hill"—soon! God bless you, one and all.

C. A. Butz, D.D., Pastor

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Ebenezer Mennonite

"Forget not all His benefits."

The sin of forgetting God's blessings has not been confined to one race or nation. Many places where Christianity once flourished have reverted to unbelief and infidelity because the people did not glorify God for His bountiful and redeeming grace through the Lord Jesus Christ.

May we again say "Thanks be unto God for His unspeakable gift" which reminds one of Christmas also, and then Thanksgiving is acceptable even in a world at war. For no good has ever come from murmuring and because no one can be selfish and thankful at the same time for it has to do with what we give rather than what we receive. Thus the seeds of discontent and war are destroyed at the roots.

P. S. Stengele, Pastor

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Bethany Evangelical and Reformed

Greetings of the Season! to all those from our community who are "out there on the front" from us who are at home.

To those of you who may not be granted the pleasure of getting home for Thanksgiving or Christmas, I pray that you may be compensated by a genuine inner satisfaction and pleasure in the knowledge that what you are doing in the line of duty, wherever you are, is one of the essentials to make possible Thanksgiving and Christmas Days in the years to come.

Naturally, our special greetings go out to the members of Bethany Church in your group; but may God bless you all.

C. Eugene Blum, Minister

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First Moravian

We at First Moravian are thankful for many things. We thank God for our daily bread, for the freedom that is ours to live, to speak and to worship as we see fit. But we are especially thankful for our fine service men and women.

To you who "will miss the Christmas Eve Vigils this year" we solemnly promise that the Star of Bethlehem will continue to shine brightly and steadily here at home in our thoughts, words, deeds and prayers—for you.

Roy Grams, Pastor

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Wesley Methodist

Jesus gave thanks for four things: insight into truth, Matthew 11:25; answered prayer, John 11:41; food, Matthew 15:36; and his cup of suffering, Matthew 26:26.

Each Christian has these reasons for thanks.

Plus a fifth: that Christ came the first Christmas! He gives us insight into truth, the prayer spirit and effective praying, the power "in all things to give thanks," and the assurance that losing one's life is gaining it!

Thanksgiving and Christmas these two lights keep shining "all over the world."

Thomas R. Jeffery, Pastor



West Side Moravian

What is Thanksgiving without a turkey dinner, or Christmas without colored lights and a tree? This year many of you will probably have a chance to find out. Perhaps it didn't really seem like Thanksgiving-and Christmas may be far different from those we have known before. But this year we may also have an opportunity to think more seriously about the real meaning of both days. Having the trimmings omitted may help all of us to see more clearly the fundamentals which lie underneath. May God grant to you, wherever you are, that Thanksgiving found you really thankful the many many blessings that you have. and that Christmas may bring you closer to the Christ Child, the gift of God to all the world.

John S. Groenfeldt, Pastor

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Grace Lutheran

Philippians 4:4—"Rejoice in the Lord alway: and again I say, Rejoice."

There are heroes of the Church and heroes of the State. In Paul, who wrote the words of our text, we have a hero of the Church. If one could stand in that cell in the Mamertine prison in Rome, so small that one could not lie down comfortably, one could realize Paul's condition when he wrote these words.

As we think of our harvest again this year with which we shall be able to feed our people and our armies, and many others in this world, how much we have for which to rejoice.

As we think of Jesus Christ, coming down from His throne and accepting the limitations and humility of the flesh, in His Person of a little child, in Bethlehem, of Judea, so that He could save us, how much should we rejoice.

Therefore, however troublous the times may be, however troublous the times may become, we must say, Rejoice in the Lord alway; and again I say, Rejoice.

J. Howard Worth, D.D., Pastor



Pro-Cathedral Church of the Nativity

Though you are separated from us at home,—some of you by as many miles as people can possibly be apart and still be in the same world, you are still very close to us, especially at this season of the year.

On Thanksgiving Day we gave thanks for you who, after the example of our forefathers, are risking everything for the preservation of a way of life you believe is worth the risk, and we prayed for vision and strength to fight the same fight at home. At Christmas, as we make our communion, we shall be kneeling with you in spirit asking God to speed the day of a righteous peace that the miles between us may soon disappear.

God bless you all.

Roscoe T. Foust, Dean and Rector

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Fritz Memorial Methodist

Words are not always good messengers. Their meanings sometimes change. But these, our words, are heavily laden with good wishes. We each have only one Life to live but we do have One life to live. Grateful to God for the Land in which we live our Life; with Thanksgiving for all that this Land has given and is giving to us, we are proud of our Boys and Girls who are preserving this "Way of Life" for us and themselves. All we can ask or hope is that each One shall do his or her duty as they see it.

So we wish you all the riches made possible to us on a Christmas Morn long ago through our Christ and we wish you all Joy and Happiness and all else that can possibly reach you this Christmas.

J. Horace Barnes, Pastor



St. John's Evangelical

"Bless the Lord, O My Soul."

Thanksgiving and Christmas! What tender and beautiful associations come to memory at the mention of these two words! Among all the blessings for which the human heart is ever grateful, none provokes a song of gratitude more sincere than the blessings of a bountiful harvest. From the days which produced the Psalms down to the present hour, the grateful praise of men's hearts has been expressed in poem and song. This year we glorify God that He has again fulfilled to us His gracious promise, that while the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest shall not fail.

And we bless the Lord for the tidings of Christmas. Like the shepherds of old, you may be "keeping watch" at your place of duty. May it be your privilege beneath the stars to witness again the visitation from on high. Then of you it may be said, as it was of them, "the glory of the Lord shone round about them."

A. M. Gottschalk, Pastor

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St. Thomas Union, Macada

Two significant festal days are with us this season, Thanksgiving Day, just past, and Christmas Day, which lies ahead. We unite with you in thanking God for our national blessings and our priceless heritage in this land of the free and the home of the brave. We extend to you our best wishes for a happy Christmas. May you experience anew the joy, cheer, and good will of the Christ child, the Prince of Peace. Let us pray together at this festive season that God may soon make this war to cease and bring peace again.

H. J. Ehret, D.D., Pastor

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St. John Slovak Lutheran

Service For Victory was the substance of our Lord's birth, life, and death. He served His Holy Heavenly Father and sinful men, until the final Victory over all spiritual evil. For this, and all His blessings, we praise and thank Him always.

Your sacrifices are an earnest of Victorious service. In doing the will of God, wherever the need of our Country and mankind calls you, you SERVE FOR VICTORY, over evil forces, in order to preserve unto us, all that the Child of Bethlehem, the Son of God, Jesus Christ, has gained for us.

May God, in His, keep you strong and unafraid, Faith-full, and faithful to Christ and Country, ever. His peace be with you. God bless and protect you all.

John Daniel, Pastor

Emmanuel Evangelical Congregational

The holiday season has been in former years a festival of praise to God for His love and care and a time of good cheer and merriment among friends. The usual celebrations are scheduled, but a serious mood possesses us. We have hungry hearts. There are vacant chairs at the table. We are needing God and His great gift of love, the Lord Jesus. Only His presence, born again in our hearts, can reassure us and you of His peace that must come to bless the world.

John R. Waser, Pastor

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St. Paul's Evangelical and Reformed

On Thanksgiving Day we lifted our hearts up to God in praise for all His bountiful blessings. Most of all we are thankful for the victory through Jesus Christ our Lord, victory over sin and death. It is His birthday we celebrate with joy on Christmas Day. May we sing again the Hallelujah Chorus, "The Kingdoms of this world shall become the Kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ." Amen. A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all.

Chester L. Brachman, Pastor

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Edgeboro Moravian

I Cor. 15:57, "Thanks to God . . . Lord Jesus Christ."

Whoever is thoughtful is thankful. We have only to think of what Christ means to us to find thanks welling up in our hearts. While the emphasis of Thanksgiving Day is on God's goodness in giving us earthly blessings, yet Christmas should be the greatest day of thanksgiving: for then God gave us His Son, the greatest gift ever given, for which we should give our best and loudest thanks.

Reuben H. Gross, Pastor

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St. Peter's Lutheran

"Stars in the Service" brings you interesting news. It brings also greetings from your pastor in your Home Church. He, and those who worship with him in that Home Church, remember you in their prayers. They pray for your safety, for a speedy victory for our cause, for your return soon when right shall have triumphed and you may again spend Thanksgiving and Christmas with your loved ones in your home city.

Corson C. Snyder, Pastor

Christ Evangelical and Reformed

No matter what area of land or sea you may be guarding during these harassing days of global struggle you are surrounded by our affections and our admiration. Among the many things for which we shall be grateful on Thanksgiving day is your personification of honor and courage and faith. And, when Christmas dawns we send you each one our Christian affection and undying good will. God bless you, every one!

Augustus Welsh, Pastor

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St. Mark's Lutheran

The members of St. Mark's Lutheran Church are happy in uniting with their pastor in commending those in the service of their country to a continued exercise of their duties, privileges and services of the Christian Way of Life and rendering unto God, in the blessed season immediately ahead, special thanksgiving for HIS UNSPEAKABLE GIFT—the GIFT all men will always desire above everything else because it BRINGS JOY WITHOUT, PEACE WITHIN AND GLORY FROM ABOVE.

Melvin A. Kurtz, Pastor

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St. John's Windish Lutheran

Thanksgiving has come and gone and Christmas will be with us soon. Both bring back to you happy memories of your past and of your loved ones at home who are now so far away.

Each has a special meaning and a specific message this year to you who are now rendering faithful service to our country and to all of us on the home front. The one reminds us that amidst all trials, tribulations and agonies, of necessity endured due to the war, we have all reasons to be grateful to the Lord our God for His loving guidance toward the final victory.

The other speaks to us of the birth of our Saviour. The first Christmas came to this world in a dark age where the powers of evil seemed to have eclipsed the horizon of mankind forever. It gave to this world a Saviour in Jesus Christ. As we now stand surrounded by gloom and bloodstained clouds of fear, our believing souls hear a new angelic message: "Fear not, but believe steadfastly that the same Christ who was born to this world nineteen centuries ago will be reborn in the hearts of men someday when wars shall cease and peace will reign forever."

E. A. Stiegler, D.D., Pastor

Salem Lutheran

Dear Sons and Daughters: Greetings!

On the Eve of Thanksgiving and Christmas our prayers go up to the Throne of grace for you all.

We are grateful that you are defending Truth, Freedom, and Right-eousness, and are conquering on all fronts.

Your letters which you send home are filled with spiritual ideals, and inspire all of us. The God of nations will be with you.

Fight on, "While Truth goes marching on!" Christmas of 1943 will find you in many lands but "all are one in Christ." The Prince of Peace be with you.

G. Franklin Gehr, D.D., Pastor

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Central Moravian

The Season's Greetings to every one of you. We shall miss you when we meet in the familiar and beautiful surroundings on Christmas Eve. Will you think of us even as we think of you constantly.

We pray that God may grant you through His fellowship the strength you need for the great task that is before you.

At this writing there are seventyfive of you in the various branches of the service. Thirteen of that number are overseas.

May God bless you everyone.

Byron K. Horne, Pastor

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Grace Evangelical and Reformed

Greetings from your pastor and fellow members of the Grace Congregation, Fountain Hill.

It is our sincere wish that you may have a blessed Christmas season. The Christmas story brings the good news that God loves and cares for all his children.

We fervently pray that the spirit of good will may come to prevail and that a just and durable peace may come soon to this sin troubled world.

T. G. Brown, Pastor

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Christ Lutheran, Hellertown

Despite the hardships, the trials of the present day, we as a Nation have every reason to give thanks unto God for His love and care. He has never failed us—let us not fail Him, now.

The song of the Christmas Angels is still heard in hearts who claim Christ, the Prince of Peace, as their Saviour. The blessings of Christmas come to men of good will.

Byron R. Stauffer, Pastor

Holy Trinity Lutheran

This period between Thanksgiving and Christmas is a time of preparation for us back home. In our better moods, we look forward to December 25th with glad anticipation. It has for us the hopes and the vision of a finer, better world. That is the meaning of Christmas when God in Christ entered fully into human life and history. Of course, because of this war, Christmas will be different this year. But let us pray and highly resolve that when another Christmas comes the message of the angels, telling of peace and good will be more nearly realized. Let this be our Christmas wish and prayer.

Benjamin Lotz, Pastor

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St. Stephen's Lutheran

"It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord, and to sing praises unto Thy name, O Most High." Psalm 92:1.

Many of you will be remembering Thanksgiving Day when you read this issue of "Stars". Others will be getting ready for Christmas. Whatever the season, you will have to say "God is good; His mercy endureth forever." When we count the blessings received from the beneficent hand of God through a bountiful harvest and the divine protection enjoyed by the 55 service men and the one WAC, members of St. Stephen's, who are enjoying the best of health, we will want to give thanks unto the Lord and sing praises unto His name.

To you members of the Armed Forces of our Country, on land or sea or in the air, I extend my warmest felicitations for the enjoyment of these seasons and the richest blessing connected therewith.

David H. Frederick, Pastor



MORE ABOUT DANIEL CUPID

Mazsa was born December 4, 1917, and is a graduate of Tech High. He joined the Navy in 1936 and served aboard the U.S.S. Pensecola for four years. He later was employed by Bethlehem Steel. When the selective service act became effective, he was called up and went into the cavalryfrom a sea-going vessel to a landbased equine. He was honorably released from service under the provision of the law applying to former service men In March of 1942 he re-enlisted in the Navy, his first love, exchewing the saddle and oats bag, and has served much of his present hitch on ships in the South Pacific, where he recently was advanced to gunner's mate first class

Joe has a brother, Pfc. John Mazsa, in New Guinea, and a sister, Anne, apprentice, in the WAVES.

★ Joseph Cserpnyak, Jr., prefaced his entry into the Navy last September 1 by getting married, for on August 25 he and Miss Mary Kerchmar, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Kerchmar, 515 Polk Street, stood up before Pastor Stiegler in St. John's Windish Lutheran Church and were made man and wife. The bride is a graduate of B. H. S. and Bethlehem Business College and is employed by the P. P. & L. Co. The bridegroom is also a B. H. S. graduate and of the Bethlehem Steel apprentice course. He worked for the steel company before going into the Navy.

* Corp. Eddie Masten and Miss Louise Denbow, 706 Eighth Avenue, plighted their troth in the Old Moraplighted their troth in the Old Moravian Chapel October 23. Pastor Groenfeldt performed the ceremony and the couple was attended by Floyd Bartholomew, Jr., and Miss Dorothy Denbow. It seems that demobilization came sooner for Eddie than he expected. His trick knee gave out on him during a recent training period and landed him in the hospital. The medicos decided any further strain would cause real trouble, so Ed was given an honorable discharge, subject to call.

★ In September "Stars" we made a wish that Lieut. and Mrs. G. Scott Maxwell would let us have a picture of them as newlyweds, since the ceremony was only a short while back. Well, wishes sometimes come true and in this instance one did, for herewith is presented a grand picture of the beatific couple.

It was thought then that Lieut. Maxwell's transfer overseas was imminent, but at last report he is still at Davis Monthon Field, Tucson Ariz., and his bride, the former Louise Pelly, is with him there. Lieut. Maxwell is a member of the famed "Caterpillar Club" made up of aviators who have had to bail out from collision or other cause.







Reading top to bottom: Lt. and Mrs. G. Scott Maxwell; Pfc. and Mrs. Oliver P. Minnich; EM 3/c and Mrs. Ray Buss, Jr.

★ Another happy couple whose picture we're carrying is Pfc. and Mrs. Oliver P. Minnich. Mrs. Minnich is the former Betty Jane Grube, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Grube, 74 West North Street, and Pfc. Minnich is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Minnich, 1413 North Center Street. He is with the Medical Corps at Thomasville, Ga.

BLESSED EVENTS



★ Although the news of the arrival of James Paul Stevenson September 14 may be old stuff to lots of you, perhaps there are some who do not yet know that Dean and Doris Stevenson have a son. The lusty little fellow arrived at St. Luke's and he and mother, the former Doris Quier, are just fine. Daddy is a captain and Episcopal chaplain and is at Camp White.

As an interesting sidelight, the first wedding anniversary of Doris and "Steve" and his captain's bars arrived on the same day, July 5. Proud papa was with his wife when Jimmie was born and returned to camp October 4 While here he once again occupied the pulpit at Nativity Episcopal Church, preaching at the morning service, and in the evening addressed the Young People's Fellowship—which used to be his "baby" when he was assistant minister at Nativity.

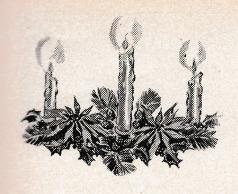
★ A new WAVE for Uncle Sam! Yes, that's right. One of his nephews, a sailor, *Kenneth Bloss*, S 2/c, is the mighty proud daddy of a wee daughter. Congratulations, Ken, and may she be as good a sailor as you.

* Lt. and Mrs. William R. Csellak are the happy parents of a son, William Robert, Jr., born August 28. Mrs. Csellak is the former Melba Glee Keil of Hanover, Ill. The Lieutenant is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Csellak of Webster Street, Bethlehem. He graduated as a chemical engineer at Lehigh in 1940 and held a commission in the Army reserves at the conclusion of four years of ROTC work. A year of post-graduate work at Appleton, Wisconsin, followed his Lehigh graduation and he enlisted in the Army in June of 1941. He is at present at the base ordnance office, Bowman Field, Ky.



BROTHERS-IN-ARMS

"All For One and One For All"



* Once before "Stars" ran a number of pictures of brothers in the service and it proved so successful that we're doing it again. This time there are several more sets than previously. First, we give you David Ziegenfuss, F 1/c, and Franklin Ziegenfuss, S 2/c, sons of Mrs. A. Ziegenfuss, of Radcliffe Street, and brothers of 2nd Lt. Elizabeth J. Ziegenfuss, ANC. Dave was recently married and is serving at sea. Franklin is stationed at the Turtle Creek, Va., amphibian base.

Mrs. Steve Gergar, 413 Edwards Street, and members of St. John's Windish Lutheran Church. Geza joined the Army April 3 and is at Ft. Lewis, Wash. Steve enlisted May 1, 1942, and after the usual boot training was sent to radio school in Florida. Since January 15 he has been stationed in the Pacific area.

★ From twosomes to a threesome is this next item about the Keller boys, Lt. John S. Keller, Robert J. Keller, T 2/c, U.S.N., and Edward R. Keller, S 2/c, U.S.N., sons of Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Keller, 125 Northampton Street, Hellertown. They are grandsons of two war veterans, one grandad serving in the Civil War, the other in the Spanish-American conflict. Lt. John is an instrument instructor at Gunter Field, Montgomery, Ala. Robert is one of the survivors of the USS Atlanta, lost in action November, 1942, off Guadalcanal. He was wounded in fit for Virginia Beach in September of '42. He continued with the regiment and was with it when it sailed for Europe. Gail, also a private, is at the University of Illinois in the ASTP, taking a course in electrical engineering. He entered the service April 27 and was assigned to AAF training center at Greensboro, N. C. The boys are sons of Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Koplin, 165 Northampton Street, Hellertown. Ira and Gail are both H. H. S. grads. Ira took two vears at Muhlenberg College, Gail graduated at Bethlehem Business College and worked for Bethlehem Steel. He was an assistant Scoutmaster. Both are members of Christ Lutheran Church, Hellertown.

★ When Dominic and Frank Zylwitis were at home they were both cooks and bakers. Now, both are in the army, Pfc. Dominic at Madison, Wis., with the Airforce, and we hear



Robert Kramer



Carl Kramer



Frank Zylwitis



Dominic Zylwitis



Walter Hein



Harold Hein

* Here are Sgt. Ellis Valkenburg and Sgt. Elliott P. Valkenburg, both in the Airforces. Ellis is at Chanute Field, Ill., as a radio instructor; Elliott is at Truax Field, Madison.

* Next we have Lieuts. Robert and Raymond Deily. Robert, holder of a Ph. D. degree and a graduate of Muhlenberg College in Library Science. is at Brooklyn, N. Y.; Raymond, a medical doctor, is now a paratrooper in the South. He is a graduate of Lehigh University, Jefferson Medical School and interned at St. Luke's.

* Brothers who chose to enter widely separated branches of the service are Corp. Geza Gergar, Army Engineers, and Pfc. Steve Gergar, U.S. M.C. They are the sons of Mr. and action and spent four months in a rest camp and has not been home since March 28, 1942, but was expected almost any day. Robert has three bars and six stars to his credit. Edward enlisted last May 7, trained at Sampson, N. Y., and was sent to Pleassenton, Calif., and then assigned to a ship.

* Robert and Russell Keller, the latter also in the Navy, met in California, the first time they had seen each other in a year and a half.

* And now, Ira J. and Gail B. Koplin, both in the Army. Pvt. Ira is in the North African war theatre with the anti-aircraft coast artillery. He enlisted in old Battery C of the 213th in pre-war days and left with the outhe's a whiz with hot biscuits. Frank. a corporal, is at Camp Hood, Texas. He was married in May to Jennie Rich of Bethlehem. These brothers graduated at Liberty High and lived for a time with Mr. and Mrs. Stackewich, uncle and aunt, on Montclair Avenue. Friends, brothers and sisters send them best wishes for good luck.

* Both Corp. Walter G. Hein and Pfc. Harold L. Hein are stationed in California, Walter at Camp Santa Anita, Harold at Camp Cooke. The former is attached to an ordnance unit. He was called for service December 15, 1942, and sent to Santa Anita at once. He has completed a course of electrical engineering at Pasadena and now is instructing



Raymond Diely



Robert Diely

Russell Keller









John Keller

Robert Keller













Ellis Valkenburg

Elliott Valkenburg

LeRoy Bachman

Robert Bachman

Lewis McCarroll

William McCarroll

troops. He is the father of a little daughter, Betty Jane. Harold has been in the Army longer, for he enlisted at West Point, N. Y., in 1938. In June, '39, he was sent to Honolulu, returned to the states in July of 1941, re-enlisted while in California and was sent to Ft. Leavenworth, Kan., where he served for a time as a guard at the Federal prison. In April of this year he went to Camp Roberts, Calif., and in May was transferred to Cooke. The Hein boys are sons of Mrs. Mary Hein, Brookside Drive, and members of Wesley Methodist church.

at Aberdeen Proving Ground. Toby enlisted October 28, 1942, trained at Bainbridge, Md., and took a course in signal corps work at the University of Chicago. Bill completed two years at Valley Forge Military Academy junior college and enlisted in the Army Reserve November 1, 1942. He was called to active service July 10 and trained at Aberdeen.

* Now we have Corp. LeRoy Bach. man and brother Robert, S 2/c. LeRoy joined up September 14, 1941, and after going progressively through tion somewhere on foreign soil. He cabled news of his safe arrival after a long sea voyage. Frank is in the Army Airforce at Greensboro, N. C., having successfully passed all tests. He left a wife behind to hold the home fort until he gets back. Donald is in the Marines and started his boot training at Parris Island, October 6.

* The Coffman brothers, Burton and William, both chose the Airforce. Burton, an air cadet, entered the service July 12. Bill, rated as private, went in September 20. The former is













Harry A. Moyer

Robert Moyer

Gail Koplin

Ira Koplin

Norman Moser Wilbur Moser

* Two more brothers who chose the Airforce are Pvt. Carl Kramer and Pfc. Robert Kramer. Carl is at Drew Field, Fla., receiving instructions in plane spotting, etc., as a member of a plotting company. He was inducted April 24, trained at Atlantic City and Drew. He was secretary of Zion Reformed Sunday school and was employed by the Lehigh Waste Co. Robert, who was librarian in the Sunday school, was inducted April 2 and sent to Atlantic City. He was moved on to Keesler Field, Miss., to B-24 bomber school. In aptitude tests he drew the highest marks in his class. Now he is studying gunnery. He used to work for Bethlehem Steel.

* Tobias S. Jaeger, S 3/c, is putting in his service at sea while his brother. Pvt. William B. is studying ordnance Camp Wheeler, Ga., Ft. Jackson, Carolina Beach, Camp Forrest, Ft. Leonard Wood, to desert maneuvers in California, he came back to Camp Forrest. During a recent furlough with his parents in Seidersville he was notified of his advancement to corporal. He graduated at Broughal in 1938, ushered at the College Theatre and worked at Bethlehem Steel. Bob enlisted April 22 in the Sea-Bees and after prelims at Camp Peary, Va., was sent to Endicott, R. I., and to Camp Holliday, Miss. He is a Tech Hi grad., class of '43.

★ Olivet Evangelical Church counts one set of three brothers in service, Dale, Frank and Donald Dutt, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Willard Dutt, 424 East Laurel Street. Dale is rated a sergeant and is with an hospital sta-

a graduate of B. H. S. and B. B. C. and was working for the Steel when called to service. William is a Tech Hi alumnus and was employed in Central Tool. Both are members of Nativity church, the church bowling league, the choir and the Y. P. F. Burt is especially in favor because he is generous with his letters.

* Pfc. Norman Moser enlisted in September of 1942 after completing a four year stretch with the National Guards. He is at present at Fort Ord, Calif. Wilbur, also a Pfc., was recently graduated at the AAF Technical training command school and is now at Tinker Field, Okla. When home June 12 on a furlough he and Dolly Holschwander were married. The brothers are sons of T. A. Moser 117 East Elizabeth Avenue.













Reginald Remaley

Lester Remaley

Kenneth Remaley

Clare VanBilliard Arthur VanBilliard

Roy VanBilliard

BROTHERS---Concluded

* Here's another threesome, Corp. Arthur VanBilliard, who has a San Francisco APO, is with the Motor Transport. After induction he trained at Ft. Riley, Kansas, and then to MT school at Ft. Crock, Omaha, Neb. He is engaged to Mary Jane Hosfeld, 1753 West Broad Street. Next is Corp. Roy VanBilliard, with the AAF at Bushnell, Fla. Roy was inducted April 9, 1941, and went through New Cumberland to Ft. Belvoir, Va., to Langley Field, to Orlando, Fla., where he graduated from fighter command school, thence to Venice, Fla., then to Leesburg training centes and has wound up at Bushnell. Third brother is Pvt. Clare D., with the infantry at Camp Shelby, Miss. He was inducted April 30 of this year.

★ Robert and Samuel Kilpatrick, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kilpatrick, 827 Hawthorne Road, are one of 14 sets of brothers in service from Emmanuel Evangelical Congregational Church. Sam was inducted into the Army August 19, 1941, and is now a first lieutenant and stationed at Phoenix, Ariz. Bob was inducted August 10 of this year and is at Greensboro, N. C.

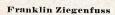
* Brothers Robert W. and Harry A. Moyer, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Moyer, 607 Spring Street, are serving their country in their chosen branches, Robert in the Anti-Aircraft (old First Defenders) somewhere in the North African battle theatre. Harry in the Navy and at this writing awaiting assignment to a ship. He may by now be on the high seas. Robert entered the service in October, 1941, with 213th Coast Artillery He trained at Ft. Eustis and other American bases and went across in September, 1942. Harry "boot" trained at Sampson, N. Y., and is now at Norfolk, Va.

* Pictures of each of three sons of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Remaley, 62 East Spruce Street, are available for this issue of "Stars," Reginald N. serving overseas with the Airforces, and Lester who is at Camp Pickett, Va., with the infantry. The former was inducted in January, receiving his preliminary training at Atlantic City and from there went to North Carolina and then to Florida. Lester entered the service in October, 1942, and was assigned to Camp Shelby, Miss., for training. He was transferred to Pickett in June. The third brother in service is Kenneth, F 1/c. who entered the Sea-Bees.

★ Dished up next are Lewis and William McCarroll, both in the Army. Lewis was inducted November 7, 1942, and was sent to Camp Maxey, Texas, He won his first stripe in April. He is at Camp Gruber, Okla.. at present. Bill was inducted last February 18 and was sent to Camp Swift, Texas. His first stripe came July 1. In September he married Bertha Holena, a Connecticut miss. The two boys are members of Nativity Episcopal church.

* So here we are at the end of the line, with the Reiss brothers of Hellertown answering to roll call. Corp. Earl Reiss is with the AAF at Rosecrans Field, Mo. He entered the serice December 26, 1942, just one day after Christmas. He was home in July. Corp. Ellwood M. Reiss is at Camp Mackall, N. C., with the engineers. He entered the service April 6. The corporal's rating came to him after a recent furlough. Both boys are members of Christ Lutheran Church, Hellertown, and Ellwood is a graduate of H. H. S. They both worked for the steel company. You will find Earl's picture under the Army Air Corps and Ellwood's in the group of Hellertown Buddies.







David Ziegenfuss



Toby Jaeger



William Jaeger



Burton Coffman



William Coffman

THE ARMY ON FOREIGN SOIL

On To Rome, Vienna, Berlin and Victory!

★ John A. Kresge, son of Bethlehem policeman Alvin Kresge, is at this time in Hawaii pursuing his favorite, and Army avocation—cooking. By odd coincidence, he was formerly employed at the Food Fair market. Kresge was inducted April 1, 1941 and spent his first four days at Ft. Meade, Md. He was sent to Ft. Meade, Md., and thence to Fort Hancock, N. J. January 7, 1942, he found himself in Hawaii and he likes the climate there first rate.

★ Pfc. James Gangewere has been wounded in action and is the recipient of the Purple Heart award. Too bad a fellow has to get banged up to get a medal, but the honor is deserved.

★ Just too late for mention in the September "Stars," we learned from his mother that Arthur A. Andrews had been made a staff sergeant. At that time this hardworking member of an engineer battalion was reported to be in North Africa where, he wrote home, it got to be 130 in the shade on the 4th of July. Of course, there is no telling where he is now, but it is probably in some spot near Musso's home town, Rome.

★ One of the men who left Bethlehem with the 213th AA Regiment, Corp. Arthur Schaffer, was, at last reports, somewhere in Africa. No telling where he is now, so everybody guess



★ Pvt. Norborne Berkeley, Jr., a field artillerist, is now in England.

★ Pvt. Albert Schultheis, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Schultheis, East Ettwein Street, has gone on to North Africa from England, where he last was reported. "Stars" learns that brother, Charles, has been having a fine time with his avocation, "Latin," as he has been in the midst of things in Sicily.







R. J. Minnich



Joseph Melin



John Hudak



Robert Bishop



Joseph Kacsmer

- ★ Latest word of Corp. Harry C. Sieger comes from England, where he is serving with the Ordnance. Corp. Sieger, a member of Zion Evangelical and Reformed church, enlisted a year ago October 12 and was called up for duty November 1. He went to Camp Sutton, N. C., for his basic and was sent thence to Metuchen, N. J.
- * Presumably by this time, Pfc. Ray J. Minnich, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Minnich, 1509 Linden Street, is safely arrived at his destination over the water. Perhaps he is even now giving the hot foot to Hitler's henchmen. The Army got him April 2 and threw him to the wolves at Camp Crowder, Mo. He beat them off there after quite a tussel and escaped to Camp Ellis, Ill. He managed to get home for a ten-day visit during his stay at Ellis and while here greeted his many friends among the Edgeboro Moravian churchgoers.
- ★ The Silver Star for gallantry in action has been awarded to Major William S. Hutchinson, Jr., Bethlehem soldier. His citation reads: "On July 12, 1943, northwest of Gela, Sicily, while in a forward observation post, Major Hutchinson was subjected to heavy artillery fire and intense small arms fire, holding up the advance of our troops. Major Hutchinson, with complete disregard for his . personal safety, remained in his observation post and continued to accurately direct his own fire. His outstanding courage, coolness and professional skill resulted in the destruction of the enemy battery and our advance."
- * Algeria, Gabes, Bizerte, Tunisjust names to Sgt. Albert Knauss, veteran of the campaign in North Africa. He's the daddy of two fine

sons and is himself the son of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Knauss.

- * In the June issue of "Stars" we ran a good picture of Pvt. Frank Duh, son of Sandor Duh, 523 East Fifth Street, who is in Hawaii. Now we hear from his pastor, Dr. E. A. Stiegler, that Frank writes home "not to worry about their loved ones." He believes everyone should be proud of his sons and says "we will fight to the bitter end that the homefolks and we can live in the American Way."
- ★ Latest word concerning Wilbur M. Smith, who left this country with the "First Defenders," in which he enlisted in September of 1940, is that he sustained a broken leg somewhere overseas about July 11, 1943. Details of the mishap have not been heard. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Smith, 240 Tenth Avenue, a member of Bethany Evangelical and Reformed Church and was married April 8, 1942. to Stella Ritter. For all we know, he may be as good as new and chasing Heines out of the Appenines.
- ★ Although not strictly "overseas," Alaska is so far removed from the U. S. that we are putting the men stationed there under this heading. Among the troops now on duty on this "road to Tokyo" is Corp. Robert Bishop, who entered the service in 1941, went through the prelims at Camp Meade, Md., saw further service at Ft. Sam Houston, Texas, then jumped to Seattle and Olympia, Wash., and from there to Alaska. He is with the Signal Corps. Bishop is a graduate of B. H. S., '37, and is a former Steel employee. Grace Reformed Church sent in his picture and this bit of interesting news.
- ★ Pvt. Paul Kolesar, son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Kolesar, Jennings Street. is now at Memphis, Tenn.

- * It looks as if one of the most versatile fellows to come out of Bethlehem in a dog's age is Corp. Richard Bender, now in Australia. When the outfit ran short of cooks, Dick turned to and whacked up the hash and grits. So well did he succeed that he's still at it, we are told. From the stew pot to tap dancing might seem like a real job transition, but not to the brave corporal, for he no sooner hands out the chow than he takes down his tap shoes and sallies out to the various camps to entertain the "doughboys" and "diggers." Atta boy, Dick!
- * St. John's Windish Lutheran folks are happy to have on their service roster Lt. Joseph Kascmer, a veteran of the campaigns in Guadalcanal, New Caledonia and other South Pacific actions. He is even now somewhere in the Solomons. Lt. Kascmer entered the Army in May of 1942 and was commissioned January 18 of this year at Ft. Benning Officer School.
- * Sgt. Howard Breisch, formerly of the local Bethlehem Steel Plant Patrol, has been stationed for most of the year past at Ft. Meade, Md., with a unit of camouflage engineers (first time we've run across this service). He has, however, been in the Army much longer, but previously was much on the move. For two months last winter he was detailed to the Ski troops to study snow camouflage on the Northern Michigan peninsula. He says he had some very interesting experiences in temperatures as low as 40 degrees below zero. At present Sgt. Breisch is working overtime to complete a series of posters on camouflage which will be used as instructional aids among troops preparing for overseas duty. P. S.: Recently, while on a three-day pass, he married Elizabeth Wagner of Bethlehem.











Arthur Schaffer

Albert Knauss

John Kresge

William Smith

James Sauerwine

Wilbur Smith

THE ARMY ON THE HOME LOAM

"Tramp, Tramp, Tramp The Boys Are Marching"

* Now at Camp Pickett, Va., on military police duty is Pvt. Merritt Freudenberger. He has "been about," as the saying goes, for when he was initiated into Army life, last November 11, he was at Camp Shelby, Miss. Then he was sent to Camp Beauregard, Louisiana. Pvt. Freudenberger was married August 8, 1942, to Hazel Fejes in the rectory of St. Anne's church by Father Mooney and his wife now lives at 113 East Garrison Street. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Freudenberger, reside on Arlington Street.

★ He likes California so much he'd like to stay right there, writes Pvt. Franklin L. Collie, son of Legionnaire and Mrs. Frank R. Collie of 730 Seventh Avenue, who is training with a unit of coast artillery at Camp McQuaide. Himself a former member of the Sons of the Legion and of its rifle team, Franklin holds a markmanship medal already. He was inducted July 12 and has been at McQuaide since He's a graduate of Liberty High, class of '43 and was a member of the Hi-Y and the band.



★ Pvt. Myron S. Adler has advanced from the rookie stage—he entered the service in April—and is now working it out at Fort Meade, Md. He moved to Meade from Fort Bragg, N. C., early in October after spending a fiveday furlough with his mother, Mrs. Robert Zeiner, 1450 High Street.













Louis Sebjanics

Martin Skrovina

Allen Kemmerer

Delbert Achey

David McCarthy

Andrew Wida













Carson Frankenfield

Geza Kardos

Myron Adler

Richard Ackerman

Frederick Angstadt

Alvin Shoemaker













Samuel Kilpatrick

Robert Moyer

Earl Wimmer

Geza Gergar

Harold Horning Marvin Harpel

- ★ Instead of getting overseas duty, which he wanted very badly, Pfc. William D. Reppert has been retained at the University of Florida. He was home not so long ago on his first furlough since entering the service.
- ★ Working hard at the art of being an efficient soldier, Pvt. Thomas M. Chovan, son of Andrew Chovan, is learning the ropes at Camp Chaffee, Ark., where another son of St. Mark's, Pvt. Linsenbigler, is also training. Tom likes Army life, he says and puts in a good word for the grub and the hard training he is getting.

* You all remember that "Stars" mentioned Allen "Tiny" Kemmerer in September's issue. He's the lad who is six feet six inches tall and had to have his uniforms made specially because of his height. If you will look among the pictures in this issue you'll see his. Allen, whose whereabouts is not given by our informant, is the son of Mrs. Maurice Ackerman, 733 Center Street and a graduate of Stroudsburg High School, class of '41. He was employed by Bethlehem Steel and was a member of the confirmation class at St. Paul's Evangelical and Reformed Church this year.

★ Sgt. Joseph Melin, a member of the St. John's Windish Lutheran Church, has been overseas since August, 1942, with the Corps Engineers who received their training at one of the most noted engineering camps of the U.S.A., Ft. Belvoir, Va. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Melin, 707 East Fifth Street, and previous to his entrance into the service on January 27, 1941, was an employee of the Bethlehem Steel Co. Army life first appealed to him in 1936, when, still in his teens, he volunteered and served with the Field Artillery at Fort Hoyle, Md.

THE ARMY AT HOME---continued

* Napoleon's claim to fame rests as much on his profound statement that "an army travels on its stomach" as on his military achievements, and it looks as if the American doughboys will go far and fast in this war. Writes Pvt. Leroy M. Linsenbigler to friends in St. Mark's Lutheran church back home about the food at Camp Chaffee: "Boy, it's plentiful and it's good. No ration points needed down here." he adds. Is that a hint for every hardpressed housewife to drop the skillet and hotfoot to Chaffee? Roy is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Owen Linsenbigler of Mechanic Street and was inducted during May. He's with the infantry.

* George M. Resetco, son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Resetco, 20 West Fourth Street, is now in the A.S.T.P. at the Illinois Institute of Technology in Chicago, where he is taking up basic engineering. Prior to this he was a Pfc. in the infantry division at Camp Swift, Texas. While there he attained "sharpshooter" rating with the rifle. From Swift he went to the A. & M. College of Texas, and then to his present location. Recently he was home on a three-day leave. Before his induction into the service on February 25 he was a sophomore at Lehigh University. He is also a graduate of Liberty High School, '41.

* Stationed with the field artillery at Ft. Bragg, N. C., and learning the fine art of gunnery is Pvt. Richard "Dick" Ackerman, who left his drafting table at the Bethlehem Steel Co. and his activities as a member of Salem Luther League on the 10th of August to become a soldier. Dick is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Ackerman, 314 East Union Street. He's a graduate of Tech High, where he studied drafting, and is a member of Salem Lutheran Church and choir.

★ Pvt. Elmer W. Green is in the Medical Corps at Camp Grant, Ill. He looked in top notch shape when he was home in October on furlough.













Vincent Sinclair

Charles Cleveland

Paul Hay

R. C. Hensinger

Stanley Gerhart

Warren Lilly













R. Wetzel

Irvin Ivanich

Andrew Seif

Howard Breisch

Bruce Hagey

N. J. H. Henn













LeRoy Linsenbigler

Harold Gibbs

Merrit Freudenberger Frank

Franklin Collie

★ Lt. Kenneth Jones and S/Sgt.

Merrill A. Paden recently spent short
furloughs with their parents. The
former is now back at Ft. Jackson,
S. C., and Sgt. Paden is in Indiana.

- ★ Pfc. William J. Zingley, who has been stationed at St. Bonaventure, N. Y., was home a short while ago on a furlough and while here had the good luck to run into two of his old buddies, Pvt. George McKnight and Pvt. Clayton Canfield, both of whom are members of the ASTP group at Lehigh University. While together the trio was entertained by the Rev. and Mrs. Paul Struch at dinner.
- ★ October 29th was a red letter day for Pvt. Marvin Harpel, for it was his birthday, though which one is a mystery. He donned Uncle Sam's garb July 27 and is now at Ft. Bragg, N. C. With Marvin and his brother Robert now in the service, the Harpel brothers in uniform now total 4.
- ★ Pvt. Delber C. Achey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Achey, 714 Maple Street, was recently inducted into the armed services. He is at present located at Camp Grant in the Veterinarian School. He attended St. Paul's Evangelical and Reformed Church.

Milton Hawk

★ Mr. and Mrs. George Thornburg spent a few days with their son, Pvt. Robert H. Thornburg, at Ft. Bragg, N. C., recently. During their stay they attended chapel services and have since expressed their interest and pleasure at the reverent spirit of the men as they participated. Observations of others that the spiritual level of this army is extra-ordinarily high have been borne out by them. ★ Now that he has been transferred

THE ARMY AT HOME --- continued

- * Another of these field artillery men bobs up in the notes. He's Pvt. Milton Hawk, last reported at Camp Swift, Texas. Hawk, his mother, Mrs. Milton Hawk of 1021 North New Street, says, has written enthusiastically of the army grub. He's gained 28 pounds. He said he had the pleasure of being entertained at a chicken dinner by a nearby Baptist church, which may have had something to do with the added poundage. The kindly church people there present all soldiers with Testaments. Hawk is a member of Salem Lutheran and boasts eleven cousins in the armed forces. one of whom is Maynard Raines, 256 West Fairview Street, a first class petty officer and bombardier on a Navy egg-layer. Raines is a veteran of three years of Navy service and has had nearly 24 months of flying. Recently he was ill with malaria, Mrs. Hawk informs us.
- ★ Pfc. Maurice Jobbins, son of Mrs. George Jobbins, Elm Street, is now attached to a hospital station at Camp Beale, Calif. He will be remembered as an orderly at St. Luke's Hospital for many years.
- ★ Pvt. Harold G. Weaver is another of these glider infantrymen of the Airborne Division in training at Camp Mackall, N. C. In between ups and downs he was able to get home in September for a ten day furlough, which he spent visiting his mother and grandparents, who live at 52 Saucon Street, Hellertown.
- ★ Pvt. Robert Moyer, recently transferred to Ft. Meade, Md., for a workout with the field artillery, speaks a good word for the Army. Bobby, who left May 29, was home on a weekend pass Sunday, October 24, to visit his dad and mother, Mr. and Mrs. John Moyer, 1406 Iron Street, and his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Moyer, 1319 Main Street. He paused, too, in his visitings, to say "howdy" to the editor, who was struggling with the 200 pictures in this issue.
- ★ While the September issue of "Stars" was in the throes of publication, John R. Carl, Jr., was climbing the Army ladder from private first class to corporal and to sergeant by leaps and bounds. He is still at Camp Swift, Texas.
- ★ These sons of St. Paul's Evangelical and Reformed congregation have received promotions recently: Curtis Hausman to private first class, Norwood Wagner to master sergeant, Paul Kunsman, Jr., to sergeant, William Gottschall to private first class and Ted Oswald to corporal.

- ★ Pvt. Nathaniel J. H. Heim, in the Army since December a year ago, is stationed at Ft. Bragg, N. C., with the field artillery. He's the son of Jacob H. Heim, 349 Main Street, Freemansburg. This news of his whereabouts comes from an aunt, Mrs. Mabel H. Ruch, 60 West North Street, a member of Wesley Church.
- ★ Pfc. Martin Skrovina, an MP, was home during the last two weeks of October, and does he have a Southern accent! It's almost a foreign language, due to two years at Camps Wheeler and Shelby. He maintains he he will learn English as she is spoke (apologies to Mark Twain) in the North with difficulty again.
- ★ Lieut. John W. Dennis was home recently on short leave and while in town attended services at Fritz Memorial Church, where his friends had an opportunity to greet him.
- * The congregation of St. Stephen's Lutheran Church boasts with pardonable pride of the sterling group of its sons who have entered the armed forces, among whom is Capt. Harold Gibbs, who graduated at Lehigh University in 1937 with a BS in industrial engineering and a second lieutenant's commission in the Infantry Reserve. He was employed by the Bethlehem Steel Co. and the U. S. Army Ordnance department and entered active military service in May, 1941. His promotion to captain came in August of this year. Capt. Gibbs is at New Cumberland in the Army Services Forces Depot.
- ★ A frequent "tripper" home is Pvt. Saul C. Roth, who is stationed at Paterson, N. M. We ask you, who wouldn't be, with so recent and so charming a bride? Mrs. Roth, the former Grace C. Shaffer, is staying at her father's home "for the dwration."
- ★ Cpl. Bela Pecsek recently enjoyed a 10-day furlough with his parents at their Buchanan Street home and celebrated also his recent promotion to the rank of corporal.
- ★ Pfc. Hugh Williams, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Williams of East Market Street, is at the Citadel.
- ★ Missing from Morrison's Service Center, but spreading that cheery smile of his about among his buddies at the Tank Destroyer Center at Nashville, Tenn., is Pvt. Vincent Sincair. Son of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Sinclair, 51 East Ettwein Street, he entered the armed forces in January of this year. He's a graduate of Tech.

- ★ Sgt. Robert B. Hampson, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Hampson, has been home from Camp Meade on a short furlough. He has been doing special service work.
- ★ Pvt. Wilbur Jackson, 345 Spring Street, was home on a fifteen day furlough this month, from his base at Camp Robinson, Ark. Wilbur was well known in Moravian young people's circles, and was president of the West Side Moravian Senior Youth Fellowship before entering the army.
- ★ After close to a year in Hawaii, Sgt. Harold H. Horning is back in the U. S. and is at Camp Campbell, Ky.
- ★ As this is written, Cpl. Paul K. Hay is located somewhere in Tennessee on maneuvers, but he expected shortly to be transferred, so there is no telling his whereabouts by the time "Stars" is on the press. A former Steel Company employee, he was inducted December 26, 1942, and spent much time at Camp Edwards, Mass., and at Camp Campbell, Ky. He's the son of Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Hay, R. D. 2, and tells them he enjoys receiving "Stars." Glad to hear it.
- ★ Pvt. Carson Frankenfield has been stationed at the Internment camp at Ruston, La., as a member of the Militry Police unit. He was home a short time ago to visit his family, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Frankenfield, and to greet his friends in the congregation of St. Thomas Church, Macada.
- ★ Pfc. Stanley Gearhart, stationed with the F. A. Bn. at Kansas completed 13 months of Army Training in October. Before his induction he was employed by the Roller Smith Company, maker of electrical products. He is a member of the St. Thomas Lutheran Church, Macada, and is affiliated with the Confident Lodge No. 1133 I. O. O. F.
- ★ At Grace Lutheran Church the name of Lt. Charles H. Cleveland is spoken with pride, for he is assistant medical supply officer at Halloran General Hospital, Staten Island, N.Y., a post he achieved by hard work. He moved up from the ranks to Warrant Officer at Ft. Leonard Wood, then was sent to Camp Barkeley, Texas.
- ★ Lieut. George Fitzsimmons, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Fitzsimmons of East North Street, received his commission while in New Orleans, La., and has been assigned to new duties on the West Coast.

THE ARMY AT HOME --- concluded

- ★ It looks very much as if *Pfc. Lloyd* G. Davis and the engineering outfit to which he is attached have completed their desert training, for he recently received a Shreveport, La., APO.
- ★ Alvin Shoemaker is a member of the ASTP at the University of Illinois, Champaign, Ill., where he is studying engineering.
- ★ Corp. Andrew F. Seif, son of Harry Seif, is stationed at Manchester, in the Nutmeg State.
- ★ Pvt. Richard C. Hensinger, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Hensinger, 10th Avenue, is located at Lake Forest College, Lake Forest, Ill. He is a graduate of B.H.S. and a member of Holy Trinity Lutheran.
- ★ Pfc. Albert Remaly has been transferred from Camp Lee, Va., to Camp Ellis, Ill.
- ★ Corp. Louis Sebjanits visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sabjanits, Allentown R. 60, a few weeks ago when he was transferred from Ft. Dix to Camp Gordon, Johnstown, Fla., where he is engaged in training with an amphibious anti-tank company of infantry.
- ★ Pvt. Geza Kardos recently was home on a visit to his wife, the former Jennie Banko, 626 Evans Street, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Kardos, farmers who live along Hellertown R. D. 1. Pvt. Kardos is stationed at Camp Phillips, Kansas, with an infantry unit. His brother, Joseph, also in the Army, was home not so long ago on a visit.

- ★ Cpl. Robert Fitzsimmons has been sent to Camp Meade, Md., where he is assigned to the supply department.
- ★ Bethlehem Steel has given many men to the armed services and Pvt. David LeRoy McCarthy, who was inducted last January 13, is another of the long roster of honor. He's at Camp Tyson, Tenn. Dave's the son of Mr. and Mrs. David McCarthy, Sr., Bingen, and the last time his parents saw him was in August, when he was home on a 10 day furlough.
- ★ And here's another—Pfc. Earl W. Wimmer, "Wimpy" to his friends This veteran of more than a year with the Army (he was inducted July 18, 1942) celebrated his 22nd birthday October 22nd, believe it or not. Now at Camp Phillips, Kansas, he spent his first year in training at Camp Forrest, Tenn. Recently "Wimpy" spent a fifteen-day furlough with his mother, Mrs. Mary Wimmer, 128 Northampton Street, Hellertown.
- ★ Pfc. Raymond Wetzel is proudly serving his country in the Army Medical Corps but we are not told by his father, George Wetzel, Hellertown, where he is located. He's a member of Christ Lutheran congregation in the Saucon borough.
- ★ Boy, Oh Boy! Does this man's Army have the services! Here is Pvt. Warren Lilly, a Butztown chap, serving with the glider infantry in the Airborne Division at Camp Mackali, N. C. In all the wars of history the infantryman has depended on his dogs, but now he glides through the air! Warren was a senior in Wilson

- Borough High School when he was inducted April 6. Christ Lutheran, Hellertown, has a star on its service flag for him.
- ★ Fred Angstadt, who entered the Army in July, is now at Camp Gordon, Ga., busily repairing firearms, motor vehicles, etc. He is a Hellertown High alumnus, class of '37, and employed in the Cold Drawn department at Bethlehem Steel. He sends his "thanks" for "Stars."
- ★ Stephen Kutos, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Kutos, Sr., 220 East Fifth Street, who entered the service in June, 1940, recently won a promotion to first lieutenant, as announced at Basic Training Center No. 10 of the Army Air Forces Eastern Technical Training Command at Greensboro, N. C., where he is assigned as a coordinating and compliance officer.
- ★ Pvt. John Podleszek, Jr., recently enjoyed a furlough with his parents at 1023 Seneca Street. He is interested in electrical work and expects to receive training in the subject.
- ★ Cpl. Alex Kucsan, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Kucsan, 227 Van Bueren Street, was home recently on a 15 day furlough. Only a few months in the service, he already holds the rank of corporal and is studying in his spare time in an attempt to enter Officers Training School.
- ★ Pvt. Steve Mar, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Mar, 557 East Broad Street, was inducted into the service in the month of September and is stationed at Greensboro, N. C.

NAVY AT HOME --- concluded

Brother Robert is a corporal and is now in Italy. Homer is in the Navy.

- ★ Harvey D. Hottle, Ph. M. 3/c, is on duty at the Naval Hospital at St. Albans, Long Island, to which post he was transferred from the Norfolk Naval Hospital. He boot trained at Sampson, N. Y., after induction April 23 from his work with the Bethlehem Steel. He's the son of John Hottle, Sr., Easton, and is a former resident of Allentown, moving to Bethlehem some time ago.
- ★ Fred N. Bahnson, RT 2/c is doing well at the Navy's radio material school on Treasure Island, San Francisco Bay. Fred has been enjoying the west coast metropolis and recently spent a weekend at Martinez in the home of Ensign and Mrs. Robert R. White, also of Bethlehem. Back in
- 1926 there was no Treasure Island, no bay bridge and no Golden Gate bridge either. Southern Pacific and Key Line ferries plied the bay to Oakland and Alameda and the Northwestern line ferries ran to Sausilito. Many a time the writer has crossed to these and other cities and towns and he can vouch for any remark concerning the beauties of their situation.
- ★ Ensign Ray E. Scholl, recently commissioned, is now stationed at Cornell University on special duty. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Scholl, Riegelsville R. D. 1, is a graduate of Springfield High School, of Moravian College and took two years in Ferrous Metallurgy under the Penn State Extension course. Before getting into Naval life he was an expediter in the new Treatment department of the Bethlehem Steel Co.
- ★ Harris Warrick, Jr., graduated from Hospital Corps School on October 24. Harris is working for a rating as pharmacist mate. He celebrated his 21st birthday November 2.
- ★ Lt. (j. g.) Edwin J. Miller is now at Miami, Fla., where his wife recently paid him a happy visit.
- ★ Robert Coleman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Furman Coleman, is on the way to becoming an honest-to-goodness "Tar" for he has enlisted in the Navy.
- ★ Donald Henn, who is at St. Alban's New York hospital, where he is studying to be a pharmacist's mate, entertained his mother, Mrs. Lester Henn, and Mrs. Joseph Wagner.



THE ARMY IN THE AIR

"Attack! Attack! And Again Attack!"

- * Staff Sgt. Emil Pavel, photographer for a Bombing Squadron, presently in England, is making the most of a former hobby and now the work he loves-photography. Such scenes of historic value or beauty as are not permitted to be photographed will be imprinted on his mind forever, so no loss exists. Since being stationed in England, he has learned to admire its people and love the country.
- ★ Sgt. Joseph Kranyecz, now with our brave fighting forces in Sicily, serves with his pals under this motto: "Sicily, Rome, Berlin and Home." He has been overseas for over a year and has seen action in North Africa.
- ★ Carmel B. Moffitt is a sergeant in the Airforce and is located at Lincoln, Neb. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Moffitt and is a graduate of Bethlehem Hi and a former Steel employee.
- * Another reason why the civilian student body at Lehigh University is at such a low ebb is because Rudolph Kercsmar, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Kercsmar, 1126 East Fourth Street, a former junior class there, is now studying to be a pilot at Seymour Johnson Field in North Carolina. Rudy is an upper classman at SJ. He formerly taught a Sunday school class at St. John's Windish Lutheran Church.
- * Pvt. Louis Kucsan, 1700 Spring Street, recently visited his parents on a furlough. He has great hopes of getting in the Army Air Cadet Class at Greensboro, N. C.
- * Air Cadet James Allen Ottinger has been transferred from Camp Girardeau, Mo., to Malden Air Field, Malden, Mo.
- * Still doing business at Truax, Wis., is Pfc. Robert T. Fillman.



* LeRoy Bickert had a short time in C. C. C. after school days were over. then worked in the steel mill until the army called in November, 1942 His Army career began in the reception center at New Cumberland, but he was transferred almost at once to an air base in Missouri and then on to Colorado and for the past several months he has been at an air base at Lincoln, Neb., in training as an aviation mechanic. He writes home that he likes "Stars" very much and sends greetings to Ray Bonesch and hopes to hear from him. Roy is waiting for his first furlough in February.

★ Air Cadet Roy Ditterline, Jr., is at Miami Beach taking basic training.



Kenneth Werkheiser



Donald Jacobs



Robert Breisch



Niles Long



Lea Arnold



William McCullough

* All you fellows who read "Stars" and who get home to see the folks now and then, bend an ear to the plight of Sgt. Kenneth Werkheiser, who is now in England and who has not had a furlough since he was inducted September 19, 1942-at least that's what our correspondent at Christ Lutheran in Hellertown tells us. The sergeant's stripes are new, Ken having received them since he's been in England. He received his basic at Keesler Field, Miss., and came out an airplane mechanic. Later he was sent to the Vega Aircraft plant in Burbank, Calif., and now he is across the Atlantic.

* Corp. Lea E. Arnold, Jr., member of the Signal Corps unit of the Air Forces is established on foreign soil. Son of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Arnold, 622 Linden Street, Lea was inducted last January 28 and received his basic training at Atlantic City. He was sent to Ft. Monmouth, N. J., as a corporal to learn signal corps work and graduated as a full-fledged repeater man. He was next given a three-month course in radio and then sent to South Carolina with a signal company. Next step was a ship and the bounding billows.

* Pfc. Harold R. Ziegenfuss, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Ziegenfuss, 834 Center Street, is now located somewhere in England with the United States Air Forces. After completing his basic training at Atlantic City, N. J., he received further instructions on Engineering and Operations at Oklahoma A. & M. College. In civilian life, "Ziggie" was active in the choir and young people's circles of Salem Lutheran Church, being president of the latter organization for two years. Recent letters indicate that he is quite well and is enjoying the friendly attitude of the English.



Harold Ziegenfuss



Kenneth Wessner









Frank Duh

Earl Nicholas

Robert Strahler

Joseph Hessinger

THE ARMY IN THE AIR---continued

* Tis said that opportunity knocks but once, and here is the editor's opportunity to give some of "Stars" readers an idea of what an air cadet does with his time, thanks to the family of Cadet Robert W. A. Smith. 418 Main Street. Now at an Army primary flying school, Smith has progressed to the point where he is flying a PT 17 trainer, which is a fine ship, able to take all sorts of punishment and do anything in the book.

Cadet Smith was sent to Penn Col-College, Cleveland, Ohio, for his CFD training. There he was classified as a pilot trainee and went to Nashville, Tenn. From Nashville he went to pre-flight school at Maxwell Field, Ala., and classified as an aviation cadet. Upon completion of his schooling there he was sent to Osceolo, Fla., for primary flight training. His schedule, which is the same as all army flight cadets follow, is extensive. Much time is spent in studying "Theory of Flight," engines, meteorology, aircraft recognition, etc., and more time is consumed in drill, etc.

Best-liked subject for this cadet, and no doubt to thousands more, is actual flying. The first ten to fourteen hours in the air are spent in a dual-control flight trainer. After that time most of the men are able to fly alone. Cadet Smith soloed after 12 hours, 35 minutes of dual training.

Smith is a graduate of Liberty High, '40, and was a senior at the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy when he was inducted February 24 last. He received his basic training at Miami Beach, Fla.

- ★ Birthday congratulations were in order October 9th for Corp. Joseph J. Hessinger, aviation mechanic, now somewhere in England. It was his 22nd anniversary. In a recent letter Joe expressed his thanks for "Stars." He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Julius G. Hessinger, 926 Fernwood Street, and a member of St. Matthew's.
- ★ 2nd Lt. Donald Love, who received his wings and commission a short time ago at Eagle Pass, Texas, Army pilot training school, has been assigned to Bergstron Army Air Field, Austin, Texas, for training with a troop carrier unit. The squadron to which he is now attached has won the personal commendation of Henry L. Stimson, secretary of war, and of General Eisenhower, who praised the men for their gallant conduct in actions against the enemy. Don, you're in a grade A outfit. Here's luck.

- ★ Congratulations are in order for Wesley T. Gangewere for he recently was made a corporal. Perhaps we put a little too much value on those two stripes. Being a mere scribe, we don't know if congrats are actually the thing to pass out. Maybe it should be sympathy! Anyway, Gangewere has graduated from the Army Engineering and Operations Technical School at Ft. Logan, Colo., and is stationed at the Army Air Base at Mountain Home, Idaho. His engagement to Elaine Schaffer, Allentown damsel, has been announced.
- ★ You in the service from Bethlehem may well be proud of one of your number, Lieut. Anthony "Tony" Carcione, for he was acclaimed the "most decorated man" at the recent Middle Three Alumni dinner, held in London, England. Tony, pilot of a hot P-47 holds the Air Medal with three Oak Leaf clusters. He has been on 43 missions. A graduate of Lehigh University, class of '41, he hangs his hat at 917 Huntington Avenue when he's at home. Best of luck, Tony, and may the Oaks become so numerous they look like a forest!
- * Further flight training is now in prospect for A/C Edward M. Nebinger, who has reported to Greenville Air Field, Greenville, Miss. When he has wound up at Greenville he will be sent to another field of the Southeast command for the final polishing up preparatory to getting his wings and gold bars as a second lieutenant. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank M. Nebinger, 1114 West North Street. A brother, Pfc. Robert Nebinger, is at Seymour Johnson Field, N. C., where he is studying the fundamentals of airplane construction. At the end of his training he will be classified as a crew chief.
- * "Stars" learns that Pfc. Kenneth Mohr has been transferred from the Alpena Air Base in Michigan, where he was engaged in clerical work with the Quartermaster Corps, to Rosecrans Field in Missouri, where he is doing much the same thing. However at Alpena, according to the information, Ken could stand in his cabin and watch the deer go down to the lake to drink, a sight he found particularly fascinating. Here in Bethlehem, we stand outside the corner drugstore and watch the little dears go in to drink and in Africa we understand the gazelles have started to imbibe Vodka out of tribute to our brave Russian allies. There is no accounting for tastes in deer, dears or gazelles.

- ★ Perhaps by this time Air Cadet Richard "Dick" Sotzing is Lieut. Sotzing, complete with bombardier's wings and those valuable bars which weigh down the shoulders of newly-fledged officers. At last reports he was getting along fine at Ellington Field, Texas. He left Bethlehem February 24 and was first at Miami Beach, Fla. From there he was sent to Augustana College, Rock Island, Ill., and in June was shipped to Santonio, Texas, to the AAFC. Latest move was to Ellington.
- ★ Four years in Uncle Sam's uniform elapsed July 23 and now Sgt. Arthur F. Havassy, who hails from Bethlehem R. D. 2, is well along on his fifth. He has been in the Air Corps since 1939. Mail goes to him via the New Orleans postmaster. We don't know where he is, so you can scratch your heads and speculate, unless you are next to him in the chow line.
- ★ Frank Eugene Dutt is one of three brothers, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Willard Dutt, 424 East Laurel Street, who have donned the uniform of their country and are serving in various capacities. Dale is with the Medical Corps overseas and Donald is in the Marines at Parris Island. Frank, B.H.S., '39, is undergoing basic training at Greensboro, N. C., as a preaviation cadet. He is another Bethlehem Steel "alumnus" to shoulder arms. He is married to Ethel Moser.
- * Pfc. Robert A. Breisch is now at the famous Air Forces School of Applied Tactics at Orlando, Fla. Sometimes called the "West Point of The Air," the school is composed of thousands of high ranking commissioned and non-commissioned officers, and Bob, if all goes well, should soon be wearing his stripes. Breisch received his basic training at Kearns, Utah, and has taken advanced work in army clerical administration at the Sam Houston State Teachers College Huntsville, Texas. Since his graduation, he has been stationed at AAFSAT. He recently married Evelyn Strawsnyder while home.
- ★ Capt. Louis H. Winkler, M. D., is serving with the Medical Corps at the Army Air base at Langley Field, Va. He is the third doctor from Holy Trinity Lutheran congregation to don the uniform, the others being Lt. Raymond Deily, now in the Paratroopers, and Capt. David O. Helms, stationed in Texas with the Airforces. Capt. Winkler is the son of Mr and Mrs. H. W. Winkler, Beverley Avenue, and was resident physician at St. Luke's Hospital in 1942.

THE ARMY IN THE AIR---concluded

- ★ Corp. Richard Artis, Signal Corps man attached to the Airforces, is in California. He was moved there after radio training at Ft. Monmouth, N. J.
- ★ Pfc. Clarence S. Williams and Pfc. Marden M. Williams, sons of Mrs. Alice Williams, East Garrison Street, are at Amarillo, Texas, and Truax Field, Wisconsin, respectively. Clarence was recently transferred from Atlantic City and Marden from Fla.
- * Every now and then, for lack of inspiration we drag out and dust off the old gag about the Army pilot having his ups and downs. Anyway, that's Frank Duh, air cadet at San Antonio, Texas. Frank, a Hellertown High alumnus, went into the airforce January 30 and trained at Miami Beach and the University of Florida, Gainesville. St. John's Windish has a star for him on the service flag. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Duh, Hellertown.
- ★ Corp. Earl T. Nicholas, attached to the medical service, is stationed at the air base at Clovis, N. M., down amongst the cacti. Nicholas is another Bethlehem Steel employee to hit the air trail. A graduate of Hellertown High and Rider College, he was in the accounting department.

- * Pvt. Marvin Koch is on duty in North Africa with an aviation MP unit. He's the son of Mrs. Margaret Koch, North School Street.
- * Mahlon F. Ernst, 1515 Shipman Street, has received word of the promotion to private first class of his grandson, Mahlon L. Ernst, now at Kearns Field, Utah, with a medical detachment. Young Ernst is said to be making his skill as a painter useful at Kearns. He recently spent his first furlough at home and visited friends here, among whom was Mrs. Robert Commodore, in whose home he formerly resided.
- * Making good use of his skill as a turret gunner, acquired with the 42nd Army Air Force Technical Training Detachment, Robert Bistritz, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rudolf Bistritz, 422 East Locust Street, is now with the Briggs Mfg. Co., Detroit, Mich., on special assignment.
- ★ Last word from Tech. Sgt. Earl F. George came from India, where he is a member of a Troop Carrier squadron. Sgt. George not only has a wife waiting for him at home, but a wee son whom he has never seen. A younger brother, Clayton, is roving around the vast Pacific.

- * Last man to leave for the service from Ebenezer Mennonite congregation, at the time this is compiled, is Pvt. Gordon Habrial, who is serving at Shepphard Field, Texas, and doing very well indeed.
- retty soon Pfc. Donald Jacobs will have as many medals as a Mexican general used to sport "in the good old days" when revolutions were won by the side with the most chest ornaments and gold braid. Don, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Jacobs, 1431 Monocacy Street, is stationed at the Harlingen, Texas, aerial gunnery school. He was recently graduated and received his diploma from a ground crew mechanic's course at Roosevelt Field, N. Y. He also received an AP mechanic's medal and a medal for marksmanship at Roosevelt. A Bethlehem High graduate, class of '42, and an active member of St. John's Evangelical Church, he was inducted April 2, and received his basic training at Atlantic City.
- * Pfc. Donald Byington, who entered the Army upon graduation from High School in February, is at present stationed at the Sioux City Air Base, Iowa. Previously he completed his basic training at Jefferson Barracks, Mo., and spent six months at Tuscon.



Robert Smith



Robert Bistritz



Frank Dutt



Richard Artis



Don Byington



William Linge



Warren Waldron



Marden Williams



Kenneth Molnar



Richard Sotzing



Arthur Havassy



Carmel Moffitt



Louis Winkler



Rudolph Kercsmar



Wesley Gangewere



Mahlon Ernst





Earl Reiss

Edward Nebinger

Melting Pot

- * A condensed report from Greenland, famed in the old-time hymn as the land of "icy mountains," comes from Pvt. William D. Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Smith, 441 Vine Street. Bill finds the food excellent, the climate and scenery most enjoyable and is fascinated by the Northern Lights (Aurora Borealis), of which he often writes. One of St. Mark's Lutheran boys, Pvt. Smith started Army life at Camp Wheeler, Ga. He was shipped to Greenland last June, via Boston. He says the southern air at Wheeler was much to his taste, but he finds Greenland interesting.
- ★ "Our hats are off to you, Johnny, and may you continue with your splendid work" is the greeting of St. Mark's Lutheran congregation to one of its sons, Sgt. John Hudak of the Medical Corps. Sgt. Hudak has seen much action on the front lines in the pursuit of his duty and many a man owes much to Johnny's skill. He has been fortunate enough to sandwich in an occasional visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Hudak, Union Boulevard, among his many trips back and forth overseas.
- ★ S/Sgt. James Sauerwein, who is with the medical services, is in the North African battle area, which can mean most anywhere in the general Mediterranean vicinity that there is fighting. He left the U. S. for overseas duty August 11, 1942, and landed first in England. He's an old hand at the Army game, for he enlisted away back in August of 1938, four years to the day before he sailed for Britain. Sgt. Sauerwein has received his third issue (September) of "Stars."
- Mr. and Mrs. Russell Jacoby of Easton Avenue have sons, Charles and Russell, in the Army, Merritt in the Navy. Charles is a private, Russell a corporal and Merritt an apprentice seaman. Joseph Peters is a yeoman third class in the Navy. William is a sergeant and George a private in the Army. They are sons of Mr. and Mrs. John Peters, North New Street.
- ★ Pvt. Charles Kovacs, of the 193rd Glider Infantry, Camp Mackall, N. C., recently spent his first furlough at home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kovacs, R. D. 3, Easton, Pa. Pvt. Kovacs was inducted into the service during the early part of 1943, and has a brother, Pvt. Paul Kovacs, with the Coast Artillery, overseas since April of 1942.

- ★ Grace Lutheran Church has chalked up its first "missing in action" report against the name of S/Sgt. Raymond Sell, last heard from when in England with the Airforce. No details have been received by his wife as this is written. Let's hope he will be found to be safe and well, even though he may be in enemy hands.
- ★ Capt. Michael Hochella, "Micky" to most of us in Bethlehem, took part in the very successful air raid October 12 against the Jap base at Rabaul when 177 planes were destroyed and thousands of tons of shipping sent to the bottom. Capt. Hochella's star is on the service flag at Grace Lutheran. His home, 410 Grand View Boulevard
- * The ability to use some musical instrument seems to be a handy one in the services. Take the case of Kenneth E. Weaver, aviation cadet in training at Lynchburg College, Lynchburg, Va. Ken has been made bugler of the CTD at the college because he can toot a horn. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Weiner, 731 Center Street, he left July 6 for basic training at Greensboro, N. C. Ken is a graduate of Tech Hi and a member of Emmanuel Evangelical Church where he was Sunday school librarian, member of the choir and orchestra and manager, last year, of the dart team.
- ★ Air Cadet Robert Ditterline, brother of Roy and son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Ditterline, Sr., has finished his primary flight training at Penn and is awaiting assignment.
- ★ Robert S. Wehinger, air cadet, is at the University of Pittsburgh, the so-called Cathedral of Learning, studying to be an aviator.
- ★ Air Cadet Warren Waldron has completed his basic training at Greensboro, N. C., and is now at High Point College. High Point, N. C., studying pre-flight requirements. He is corporal of his flight. Cadet Waldron is the son of Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Waldron, 319 East Laurel Street, a member of Trinity Episcopal Church, where he was active in the YPF, and has received all the issues of "Stars," (which he enjoys immensely, if we must say so!)
- ★ Chasing subs somewhere on the Atlantic as a crewman on one of these efficient little sub-chasers is *Keith Schaffer*, S 2/c, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Schaffer, West North Street.
- ★ Corp. Joseph Allam has written to Pastor Grams, First Moravian, from England that he has attended Moravian services in a nice church over there which reminded him of "our West Side chapel." He says, "It did

- my heart good to sing our Moravian chorales again. Their (the English) Litany is different from ours. The responses are shorter." If any of you readers of "Stars" have attended Moravian services you will know what Joe is writing about; if you have not, you might profitably do so when the opportunity presents for the service is unique and beautiful.
- ★ Latest news received from Pfc. Francis Seruga, presently in England. tells of his meeting with a Parliament member whom he quotes as saying: "Being so busy, we little realize how time passes, but this, we hope, is a good sign for not only Victory but a World Peace." Pfc. Seruga is deeply impressed by the friendliness and hospitality of the British people which is visible wherever one's eyes may glance. He also participated in, and will cherish as a rich memory, Britain's National Day of Prayer.
- ★ Somewhere at sea say his family of *George Swope*, son of J. Frank Swope, 11th Avenue. His brother Lieut. William Swope, is with the 213th Regiment, Coast Artillery.
- ★ Maurice S. Tyson, graduate of B. H. S. and student at Lehigh University when he entered the service, is a cadet in the Merchant Marine and a member of the Naval Reserve. Nothing said about his whereabouts.
- ★ Air Cadet William Linge, son of Mr. and Mrs. Christine Linge, 325 East Laurel Street, and Miss Eleanor Corderoy were made man and wife September 18th, last. Linge is stationed at the Todwich School of Aeronautics, Lakeland, Fla.
- ★ Somewhere on the gale-lashed sea is Gordon Vollman, S 2/c, member of the crew of one of his Uncle Samuel's men-o'-war. There is a star in his name on the flag of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. Vollman, live at 714 Hawthorne Road.
- ★ Mr. and Mrs. William Reichl, Sr., have counted up the months their son, Bill Jr. has been in the Navy and find it to be nine. Bill writes home that he finds Navy life "great" and the grub and quarters top notch. A sister is at Marianna Air Field, Fla.



STARS IN THE SERVICE

Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements Covering Operations to December 1, 1943

CASH RECEIPTS:

	Issue 1	Issue 2	Issue 3	Issue 4	Total
Support from Co-operating Churches	\$273.49	\$535.02	\$597.62	\$736.17	\$2,142.30
Special Contributions	6510.30	@000.02	9001.00	\$100.11	фь,11ь.00
from Individuals	43.00	25.55	25.00	74.65	168.20
Miscellaneous Sales of	30.05	11 00	11.10	00.00	62.11
"Stars in the Service" Contributions from	12.25	11.90	11.10	27.86	63.11
Organizations	60.25	None	35.00	None	95.25
			Total	Receipts	\$2,468.86

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2	20	3050	348.00	128.71	12.00	46.63	535.34
3	24	3400	454.50	176.95	15.75	70.19	717.39
4	28	3800	510.45	203.28	21.00	76.52	811.25
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