

Goldberg, Roy A.
Ernest
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Services Honor Young Soldier Killed in Action

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New Jerusalem Union (Apple's) Church of Bingen, Bethlehem, R. D. 4, was crowded to its capacity on Sunday morning with sorrowing neighbors and friends who attended very impressive memorial services which were held for the first local casualty of the war, Roy A. Goldberg, seaman 2-c, son of Ernest and Katie (nee Muschlitz) Goldberg, of 112 Front Street, Hellertown. Born Oct. 15th, 1925, he was baptized June 19, 1926, by the late Rev. W. W. Kistler, D. D., pastor emeritus of Apple's Church, of Coopersburg. Seaman Goldberg, who had planned to be a member of this year's Lutheran confirmation class of Apple's Church, enlisted in the Seabees of the U. S. Navy Feb. 24, 1943, while still a student in the Hellertown High School, trained at Camp Peary, Va., and Camp Endicott, R. I., embarked from a California port in August, 1943, for action in the South Pacific area and was killed in action Jan. 14, 1944.

Seaman Goldberg was buried on Allied territory with military honors. Robert Easterly, commander, U. S. N. R., was the officer in charge. Charles Hagel, commander of the Hellertown American Legion, presented the gold star to Mr. and Mrs. Goldberg in memory of their son.

Rev. D. D. Kistler, of Coopersburg, Lutheran pastor of the church, read the letter which had been received by Mr. and Mrs. Goldberg. Miss Miriam Dzurisin, of Hellertown, placed the altar flowers. The union choir of Apple's Church sang Gounod's "Jerusalem, O Turn Thee," with Mrs. D. D. Kistler as soloist.

Two brothers are still in the service, Cpl. Ernest Goldberg, Ft. Knox, Ky., and Earl Goldberg, who was inducted in the service on Saturday. Members of Apple's Church Boy Scout Troop No. 31 and Girl Scout Troop No. 29 flanked the right and left side of the American Flag placed on the altar while members of the Hellertown American Legion supported their commander.

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