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STARS

IN THE SERVICE

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OUR CHURCH FAMILIES . . .

★ Emmanuel Evangelical - Congregational church lists these men from its service roster who have recently won promotions: *Harold Gunkle, Jr.* to private first class; *George Henninger* to aviation machinists mate third class; *Milton Hammond* to seaman first class; *Coitland Knipe* to corporal; *Edward Wesler* to sergeant and *Curtis Steyers* to flight officer, glider squadron.

Stars have been added to Emmanuel's service flag for *Russell Ziegenfuss*, *Albert Hayes*, *Thomas George*, *Jeanette Funk*, *Marjorie Solt*, *William Sloyer* and *Robert Long*. The stars were dedicated September 10 at special services.

Members of the church and Sunday school send best wishes for a speedy recovery to these boys who are convalescing: *Fred Wolfe*, "somewhere in France"; *Emory Wachter*, at home; *Thurlow Mosebach*, home for six months to recuperate; *Ralph Miller*, recuperating in a hospital in the West.

★ On Sunday, September 10th, four additional stars were added to the service flag at the St. Paul's Evangelical and Reformed Church. They were dedicated for the following: *Pvt. Lloyd T. Hawk*, *Charles W. Morgan Jr.*, *A. S. Beaumont*, *D. Haas A. S.* and *Calvin J. Frey A. S.* *Lloyd Hawk* is taking his basic training at Camp Walters, Texas. *Charles Morgan* and *Beaumont Haas* are both stationed at Bainbridge, Md., and *Calvin Frey* is at Sampson, N. Y.

★ Three of the boys of St. Paul's each recently lost a parent. The mother of *Charles* and *Maynard Diefenderfer* passed on July 1st, and the father of *Delbert C. Achey* passed on August 18th. *Charles Diefenderfer* and *Delbert Achey* were located in England at the time and were unable to attend the last rites. We extend to these boys our deepest sympathy.

★ The following attended services at St. Paul's recently: *John Hahn*, *Clinton Eckhart*, *Warren Crouthamel*, *Carol Leibert*, *William Gottschall*, *Curtis Hausman* and *James Moyer*.

★ Two sons of Trinity Evangelical and Reformed church, Freemansburg, *Cpl. Robert Lorrah*, U. S. Army, and *Lester Henn*, U. S. Navy, met by chance in Italy, where both are stationed. The two boys, old friends from away back, had a day together when Lester's officers gave him a chance to visit with Bob. The latter has been in spaghetti land over a year.

★ During the week of August 7 six boys who are members of the Polly Booster class of Trinity E-C church, Freemansburg, were home and enjoyed swapping Army-Navy yarns. They were *George McKnight*, officer candidate at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md.; *Maynard Hahn*, S 1/c, Brooklyn, N. Y.; *Pfc. Leonard Hoffert*, Philadelphia Navy Yard; *Sgt. LeRoy Overbeck*, Presque Isle, Me.; *Samuel Overbeck*, GM 3/c, San Francisco, Calif., and *Donald Henn*, Phm. 3/c, Long Island, N. Y.

★ St. Stephen's Lutheran church has added *Elwood Bauder*, *James Buck*, *Robert Beers* and *Ralph Herbst* to the names on the service roster. *Bauder* is at Sheppard Field, Texas, *Buck* attending a trade school in New York, *Beers* at Belvoir, Va., and *Herbst* is in Texas. *Roy Souders*, Infantryman, has left for overseas duty.

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LAST TAPS

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*"Who hath not learned, in hours of faith,
The truth to flesh and sense unknown,
That Life is ever Lord of Death,
And Love can never lose its own."*
John Greenleaf Whittier

★ Memorial services for *Pharmacist Mate Paul B. Binder*, U.S.N.R., were held in the First Presbyterian church, North Side, after news of his death from wounds received in the South Pacific war theatre had been confirmed. The rite was conducted at the 11 a. m. church service with the minister, the Rev. Roger Enloe, in charge.

★ The memory of *Pfc. George L. Bradford*, a member of the First Moravian church, was honored in a memorial service Sunday morning, September 2, at the church with the Rev. Roy Grams, former pastor, in charge. Private Bradford, first member of the church to be killed in this war, was fatally wounded in action on D-Day, June 6, in the Normandy sector. There were many floral tokens and Taps was sounded by *Pfc. John B. Cannon*, visiting in Bethlehem. The dead soldier was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Orrin Bradford.

★ A memorial service for *Lt. (jg) Robert White*, U. S. N. R., who died in the Port Chicago, Calif., munitions ship blast July 17, was held in Wesley Methodist church Sunday morning, August 20, in charge of the Rev.

Alonzo S. Fite, minister. A gold star was placed on the church service flag and Taps was sounded. The Rev. George Tovey, who received Lt. White into Wesley church August 9, 1939, read the biographical statement in the young man's honor. He was the husband of the former Inez Ivey, 316 East Garrison St.

★ Services in memory of *Pfc. Charles Snyder*, son of Theodore and the late Theresa Snyder, 645 East North St., who was killed in action July 11 in the European campaign, was held Sunday morning, September 17, in St. Peter's Lutheran church, the Rev. Dr. Corson C. Snyder in charge. Private Snyder entered the service April 24, 1943, and was attached to the Infantry. He was sent overseas on Good Friday.

★ Members of Salem Lutheran church paid tribute to the memory of *Pvt. Milton Hawk* at memorial services held in the church at the morning services Sunday, September 10. Rev. Dr. G. Franklin Gehr officiated. Private Hawk was killed June 28 at Myitkyina, Burma. Taps was sounded as the gold star honoring the young soldier was placed on the service flag. Private Hawk was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Hawk, 1021 North New St. He had been in the service since February 26, 1943, and overseas since April 20 of this year. He is the first Salem member to make the supreme sacrifice.

★ Rosemont Lutheran church held memorial services Sunday morning, September 10, for *Cpl. Llewellyn R. Cope*, U. S. M. C., who was mortally wounded in the attack on Saipan July 25. He was a veteran of the invasion of Guam and had been overseas seven months with the Fleet Marine force. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cope, 729 Seventh Avenue. The rite was in charge of the Rev. H. J. Croushore, pastor.

★ Two days before he became 21 years of age, *Pvt. Jacob Beidler, Jr.*, laid down his life for his country on the field of battle. His death in France August 1 was reported with the words, "killed in action." He had been on the continent less than two weeks. Private Beidler entered the Army September a year ago with only an inch to spare in his height above the limit. He reached England last July 19. He was a member of Christ E. & R. church and of the choir. Surviving him are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Beidler, Sr., 1137 North Main St., his grandfather and several brothers and sisters.

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"It Is God That Avengeth Me and Subdueth the People Under Me"

Prayers selected for this issue of Stars in The Service are deemed particularly appropriate at this time, when not only the issue of the battle is at stake but the fate of whole nations of people hangs in the balance. God's grace for our own beloved country seems especially necessary as we face decisions which will beyond a shadow of doubt affect the history of the world for generations to come. Unity of God's people in quest of a truly Christian brotherhood never was more needed than today. With hatred and cries for vengeance rampant, Social Justice in the name of God for all oppressed peoples must become a living reality, not just the empty mouthings of self-seeking men. The protection of Our Heavenly Father for our loved ones engaged in bringing the enemy to his knees needs no added entreaty other than the heart-felt petitions of millions left behind.

Again, may we urge that you take these prayers to your hearts. Pray them reverently in full knowledge that "What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them."

The first three prayers are from Protestant Episcopal Book of Common Prayer, the fourth from the Evangelical-Lutheran Common Service Book.

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"Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them." Mark 11:24

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LET US PRAY

For Our Country

ALMIGHTY God, who has given us this good land for our heritage; We humbly beseech thee that we may always prove ourselves a people mindful of thy favour and glad to do thy will. Bless our land with honourable industry, sound learning, and pure manners. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion; from pride and arrogancy, and from every evil way. Defend our liberties and fashion into one united people the multitudes brought hither out of many kindreds and many tongues. Endue with the spirit of wisdom those to whom in thy Name we entrust the authority of government, that there may be justice and peace at home, and that, through obedience to thy law, we may show forth thy praise among the nations of the earth. In the time of prosperity, fill our hearts with thankfulness, and in the day of trouble, suffer not our trust in thee to fail; all which we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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For Unity of God's People

GOD, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, our only Saviour, the Prince of Peace; Give us grace seriously to lay to heart the great dangers we are in by our unhappy divisions. Take away all hatred

and prejudice, and whatsoever else may hinder us from godly union and concord: that as there is but one Body and one Spirit, and one hope of our calling, one Lord, one Faith, one Baptism, one God and Father of us all, so we may be all of one heart and of one soul, united in one holy bond of truth and peace, of faith and charity, and may with one mind and one mouth glorify thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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For Social Justice

ALMIGHTY God, who has created man in thine own image; Grant us grace fearlessly to contend against evil, and to make no peace with oppression; and that we may reverently use our freedom, help us to employ it to the maintenance of justice among men and nations, to the glory of thy holy Name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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For Those in Our Country's Service in Time of War

ALMIGHTY God, our Heavenly Father, let thy protection be upon all those who are in the service of our Country, guarding them from all harm and danger to body and soul; sustain and comfort those at home, especially in their hours of loneliness, anxiety and sorrow; prepare the dying for death and the living for Thy service; give success to our arms on land and sea and in the air; and grant unto us all and all the nations a speedy, just and lasting peace, to the glory of Thy Name and the coming of Thy Kingdom; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord. Amen.

Psalm 18

Verses 1 to 7; 12 to 15; 34 to 40

I WILL love thee, O Lord, my strength.

The Lord is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, and my high tower.

I will call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised: so shall I be saved from mine enemies.

The sorrows of death compassed me, and the floods of ungodly men made me afraid.

The sorrows of hell compassed me about: the snares of death prevented me.

In my distress I called upon the Lord, and cried unto my God: he heard my voice out of his temple, and my cry came before him, even into his ears.

Then the earth shook and trembled; the foundations also of the hills moved and were shaken, because he was wroth.

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At the brightness that was before him his thick clouds passed, hail stones and coals of fire.

The Lord also thundered in the heavens, and the Highest gave his voice; hail stones and coals of fire.

Yea, he sent out his arrows, and scattered them; he shot out lightnings, and discomfited them.

Then the channels of the waters were seen, and the foundations of the world were discovered at thy rebuke, O Lord, at the blast of the breath of thy nostrils.

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He teacheth my hands to war, so that a bow of steel is broken by mine arms.

Thou hast also given me the shield of thy salvation: and thy right hand hath holden me up, and thy gentleness hath made me great.

Thou hast enlarged my steps under me, that my feet did not slip.

I have pursued mine enemies and overtaken them: neither did I turn again till they were consumed.

I have wounded them that they were not able to rise: they are fallen under my feet.

For thou hast girded me with strength unto the battle: thou hast subdued under me those that rose up against me.

Thou hast also given me the necks of mine enemies: that I might destroy them that hate me.



★ This is **Lt. Victor A. Ruth**, chaplain at Station Hospital, Camp Howze, Texas. He is a veteran of World War I and former pastor of Trinity Evangelical and Reformed church, Freemansburg. No stranger to the ministry of God in wartime, he brings a wealth of experience to assist him in his work. Prior to going to Texas he was at Camp Patrick Henry.

LAST TAPS

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★ **Clare VanBilliard**, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. H. VanBilliard and a member of the Pro-Cathedral Episcopal Church of the Nativity, was killed in France, August 10. He entered the service in March, 1943, and had been overseas since June last.

★ Word of the death in action of **Merrit Laubach**, 3003 Linden St., was received by Mrs. Laubach, the former Ruth Eichelberger. Laubach, member of Grace Lutheran church, was killed in France August 16.

★ Wounds received September 1 during action in France were fatal to **John F. Burcaw, Jr.**, son of Mrs. Caroline W. Burcaw, 131 West Fairview Street, who was informed of her son's death by War Department authorities. Burcaw died the same day he was wounded.

Burcaw was 33 years old. He was a native of Bethlehem and a graduate of Liberty High school. He had gone overseas in July. A gold star on the service flag at College Hill Moravian church commemorates the young soldier.

★ Memorial services for **2nd Lt. Willard Bernhardt**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clayton W. Bernhardt, 1230 Lenox Avenue, were held in Borhek Memorial Chapel, Moravian College, with Dr. W. N. Schwarze, president emeritus, in charge. Prof. Samuel C. Zeller eulogized the young soldier.

Lieut. Bernhardt was killed in action September 10 in France. He entered the service June 25, 1942, as a private and was subsequently commissioned a second lieutenant at Fort Benning, Ga., February 2, 1943. He was attached to an infantry division commanded by Lieut. Gen. George S. Patton, Jr.

A graduate of Moravian Prep and Moravian College, class of '39, Lieut. Bernhardt was associated with his father in charge of plant production at the Bethlehem Contracting Company. While at Moravian he had been a member of the basketball and football teams, of the college band and had coached basketball at the preparatory school for three years.

Lieut. Bernhardt is the first serviceman member of Central Moravian church to be killed in action. He left this country in May and was in England and Ireland before being sent to France after the invasion. He was a member of Minsi Lodge, F. & A. M.

The Pastor Reports....

★ Here's something new in the way of reporting for Stars. It's the idea of Dr. Joseph D. Peters, pastor of Calvary E. & R. Church and is in the form of an informal letter from him. It's newsy and folksy. Hope you like it.

★ Calvary Evangelical and Reformed Church, Bethlehem, Rev. Joseph S. Peters, D.D., pastor, has 35 men in the armed services. Latest of these to be called are **Harvey A. W. Freyling**, a deacon of Calvary, and **Harry Miles**. Both are at Camp Wheeler, Ga. Harvey has written to the pastor a number of times; he is well but as many know, "there is no place like home." Recently, **Joseph Hughes**, whose star is on the service flag, called on Harvey. Joe is a corporal.

Several of the men are in France, some still in England and others in the Pacific theater. Among the latter are **Algier C. Shiner**, in the Seabees, and **Lewis Holman**, a Sergeant in the Infantry, and **Albert S. Bona**, also in the Seabees. **Robert W. Ackerman** is at present in Camp Pendleton, Calif., and will presumably be sent out from there soon.

John K. Gemberling, Jr., who spent more than three years in the Navy, was married about a year ago at the pastor's home.

Among those who write often are **Meredith Wirth**, **Harvey Freyling**, **Harold Eckert**, **Harry C. Multer**, **Albert S. Bona**, **Joseph Kovacs**, **Albert Kovacs**, **George Althoff**, **Wayne H. Yohe**, **Grant Moyer**, **Warren Wilkie**, **Warren Yeager**, **Robert Rand**, **Algier C. Shiner**. Write or not, they are all in our thoughts and in our prayers. At this writing all are faring well and we trust that condition may continue till the very end of the war, until they come home again.

Extracts from a few of the recent letters:

"I hope you enjoyed your vacation as much as I enjoyed my leave. It was grand to see my folks again and to be in Calvary Church. However I did feel badly because I could only be one mother's son home on leave . . . So many mothers looked at me as if to say, 'Oh! if you were only my Bill coming home for a few days.' I'd have liked to tell each one I was their son, but all I could do was to be thankful for my little taste of civilian life again and feel proud that I had such a good town to come home to." (M)

"I wrote quite a few letters today and attended the Church service at 9:30 a. m. The speaker was a Presbyterian minister from North Carolina. The chaplain of this Division is John

HYMN

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Soldiers of Christ, arise
And put your armour on,
Strong in the strength which God supplies
Through His eternal Son;

Strong in the Lord of Hosts,
And in His mighty power;
Who in the strength of Jesus trusts
Is more than conqueror.

Stand, then in His great might,
With all His strength endued;
But take, to arm you for the fight,
The panoply of God.

From strength to strength go on,
Wrestle, and fight, and pray;
Tread all the powers of darkness down,
And win the well-fought day;

That having all things done,
And all your conflicts past,
Ye may overcome through Christ alone,
And stand entire at last.

Charles Wesley, 1749

E. Stauffer. I shall keep the habit of attending at least one service each Sunday."

Also from the same letter this extract: "You seem to be getting quite a few marriages. I sure hope it keeps up and for the good of those involved in the ceremony." (F)

"I went to church last Sunday and took holy Communion. The Chaplain we have is swell. We hold services on our Post. Our Chaplain comes from Maryland and his last name is Christ. On Sunday at 9:30 to 10 a. m. we have Bible Study, from 10 to 11 a. m. we have the church service, from 6 to 7 p. m. we have a song service. Am enjoying life around here O. K. but I think I'd enjoy the kind of life back home, as I sure do miss that." (W)



★ Here's **Cpl. Saul C. Roth** and wee daughter, **Virginia Gail**, ten months old. The picture was taken June 24, the first wedding anniversary of Virginia's parents. Daddy is now at Camp Chaffee, Ark., having arrived there July 24 with the Corps of Engineers. He's a member of Fritz Memorial church.

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.

BLESSED EVENTS

★ **Lieut. and Mrs. Harry J. Hydusik**, he of Florida and she of Bethlehem, are rejoicing over the birth of a son. Harry completed a tour of duty on the West coast, came home for a visit and missed by one day the happy event. He hopes to be able to get home from Georgia soon.

★ **Pvt. Clinton Eckhart**, located at Camp Crowder, Mo., recently became the father of a baby girl. He enjoyed a week's furlough to come home and visit with the new member of the family. We congratulate the mother and father on this blessed event.

★ **Lieut. and Mrs. Alfred Wolfe** announce the arrival of a daughter, **Toni Lou**, August 21, at Monroe, La. Mrs. Wolfe is the former Molly Omigo of this city. She and her husband are residing at Rayville, La. Lt. Wolfe, former member of Nativity church choir, is stationed at Selman Field, La.



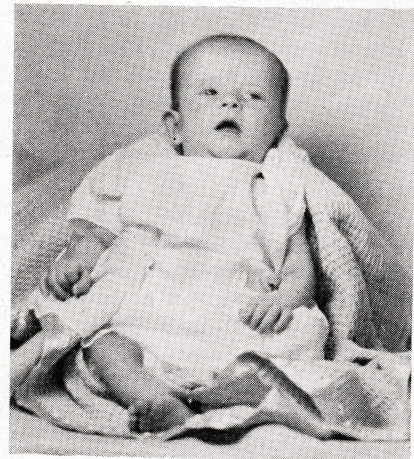
★ This trio is **Cpl. and Mrs. Lewis P. Sensenbach** and son, **Ronald**, aged seven months, plus. When Ronnie was just three months old he and Mother took a trip to Camp Blanding, Fla., where father and son met for the first time. Ronnie's remarks for the time are strictly "off the record." Now, mother and son are living at 430 Third Ave. Mrs. Sensenbach is the former Octavia Rice. The corporal is in the infantry and has seen two years of service.

★ **Capt. and Mrs. William B. Todd** have announced the arrival of a daughter, **Marilyn Chestnut Todd**. The child was born August 21 at Doylestown. Friends of the Todds will be glad to know that the captain is improving rapidly from a leg injury sustained in France. He is in Tilton General Hospital, Ft. Dix, N. J.

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★ "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 Heltown, Freemansburg and Fountain Hill has been invited to join in making the magazine available to its service roster and the invitation still holds good, as has been made clear numerous times.



★ This folks, is wee **Martha Ann Moser**, daughter of **S/Sgt. and Mrs. Martin Moser**. Martha Ann was born May 27th. She and daddy and mother are living in Douglas, Ariz., where Martin is stationed.



BROTHERS IN ARMS

"All For One and One For All"

★ Nativity Episcopal church boasts a mother of five sons all serving in uniform. She is *Mrs. Robert Weaver*, 619 Wyandotte St., to whom our hats are off. She has more in service than any other Nativity mother. Are there any in other churches with five or more?

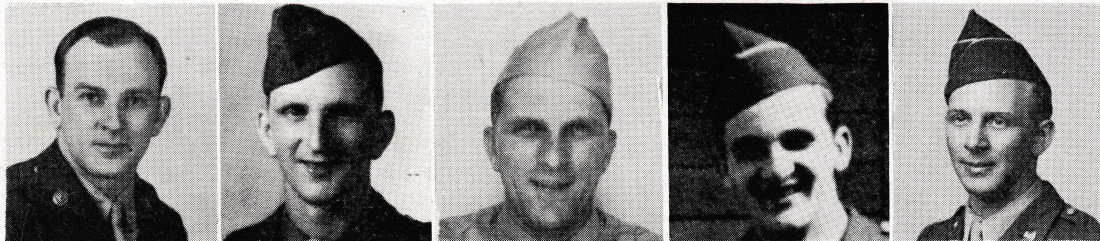
Gerald Weaver entered the Army January 6 and is now in Australia with an amphibian boat and shore regiment. He had been employed by Bethlehem Steel Company as a printer. His basic training came at Camp Gordon, Fla.

he is now with the Engineer training battalion at Ft. Belvoir, Va. He and Gerald and Walter rate as privates. George married Helen Marrah last January 8 and his wife is living with her mother until his return. He is a former Bethlehem Steel worker.

★ Three brothers serving in the Army are *Pvt. Robert E.*, *Pvt. Ralph J.*, and *Pfc. Richard M. Bowser*, all members of Holy Trinity Lutheran church. Bob is in the Army postal service and is stationed in New York

Tarawa and on other Pacific isles; Roy enlisted March 3, 1942 and is now at Langley Field, Va., and Robert joined up April 2, 1943, received gunnery training and was sent overseas in March, 1944. He now has 61 missions to his credit and has won the Air Medal for meritorious service during the invasion of France.

★ This one's about *Bill* and *Grant McNear*, sons of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. McNear, 926 Monocacy St., both of whom are in the service, Grant in the Navy, Bill in the Army. The former entered the service May 23 and got his first taste of Navy life at Bainbridge, Md. After he received his rating as seaman 2/c and a short furlough home he was transferred to Memphis, Tenn., where he is taking a course to become an aviation ma-



Joseph Weaver Walter Weaver George Weaver James Weaver Gerald Weaver

Walter's present locale is Italy. He entered the service July 1943 in chemical warfare. Last May he was injured, but now is back on active duty. His wife, the former Betty Dolgite, is keeping the home fires burning in Wydnor until her husband's return.

Then there's *Joseph*, who entered the service in June of '41 and who is now in England as a corporal with the medical corps on hospital duty. Joe trained at Camp Lee, Va. He is a former Bethlehem Steel employee.

Next comes *Jim*, who has been in service since March 15 and who is at Camp Chaffee, Ark., with the field artillery. He graduated at Tech Hi and shortly thereafter went into the Army. He got "the works" at Ft. Sill, Okla., before his transfer to Chaffee.

August 5, *George* was called up and

City. He is a former employe of the Frankford arsenal, Philadelphia, and trained at Camp Lee, Va.

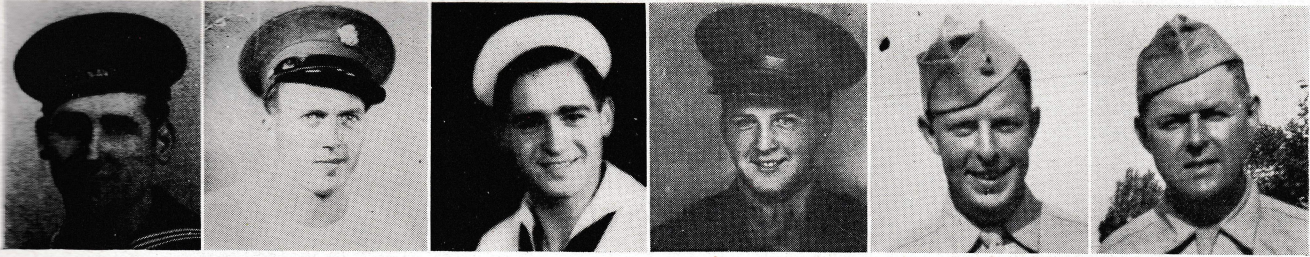
Ralph, former Bethlehem Foundry and Machine Co. worker, is in the infantry, having trained at Camp Wolthers, Texas, and Camp Meade, Md. Richard is in the AAF at Clovis, N. M. He trained at Greensboro, N. C., Clemson College, Clemson, S. C., and Ft. Myers, Va. He's an "alumnus" of Bethlehem Steel.

★ Here's a quartet. Perhaps they sing, perhaps they don't. Maybe they can't if they don't. They are: *Pvt. Herbert W. Christ*, *Frank Christ*, *QM 2/c, Pvt. Roy E. Christ* and *S/Sgt. Robert Christ*, sons of Mrs. H. B. Weaver, 1627 Elm St. Herb, formerly in Africa, is now in Italy; Frank, who enlisted in September of '42 and left in November of the same year, has seen action in the Marshalls, at

chinist's mate. Bill, a happy-go-lucky private first class, will have been in service a year this November. He had been at Pearl Harbor but now is in the South Pacific. In the former place he was much troubled by the mosquitoes but where he is now there aren't many. He speculates it's so hot they get their wings burned off as they fly over!



Herbert Christ Frank Christ Robert Christ Roy Christ Bill McNear Grant McNear



Joseph Talaber

John Talaber

William Talaber

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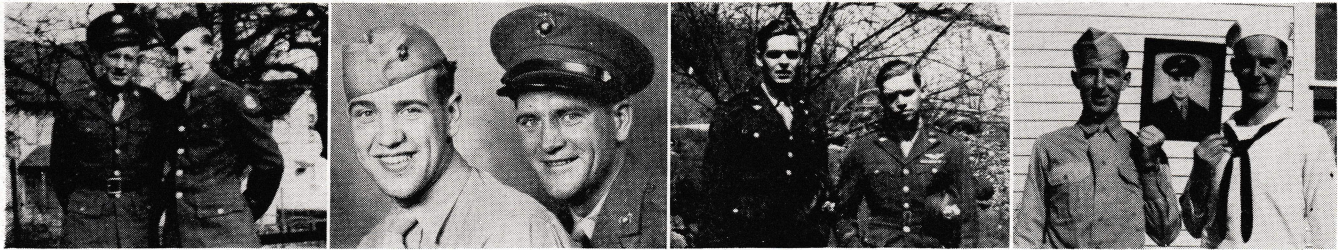
★ Four Bethlehem Steel alumni are the *Talaber* brothers, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Talaber, 1416 East Fifth St. They are *Pfc. John*, U.S. Infantry, San Francisco APO; *Joseph A.*, coxswain, U.S.N., now at Brooklyn, N.Y.; *Pfc. Raymond A.*, U. S. M. C., in the South Pacific, and *William C.*, chief petty officer, U.S. Merchant Marine, stationed at Kearney, N. J.

★ *Arthur Fogel*, S 1/c, and *Richard Fogel*, McMM 3/c, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Fogel, 524 Washing-

mechanics at Fort Benning, Ga., where he was sent August 17 from Camp Blanding, Fla. Clarence completed preliminary training at Sheepshead Bay and on July 24 sailed for parts unknown. The brothers are members of St. Thomas church, Macada.

★ Few men in the armed forces of Uncle Sam have enjoyed more interesting experiences than *Lieut. Jack Tyson*. After his pilot training he was assigned to the Army Transport Com-

Philadelphia Navy Yard. Robert is at Camp LeJeune, N. C., where he has been assigned as an instructor in camouflage. Sons of Mr. and Mrs. William Rehm, 69 West Goepp St., they belong to Fritz Memorial church. ★ Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Wilson, Sr., 411 East Broad St., have two sons in service, *Cpl. Charles, Jr.*, and *Pvt. Warren G. Wilson*. Charles, who entered the Army December 18, 1943, is now a weapons man at Ft. Riley, Kansas. He received his basic



William and Paul Schaffner

Robert and Joseph Rehm

Robert and Jack Tyson

Arthur, Robert and Willard Kleppinger

ton Ave., are in Uncle Sam's Navy and both have seen plenty of sea duty since entering the service. Arthur recently spent a shore leave at home, his first in 21 months of active duty in the Pacific. Dick, too, was home not long ago on furlough. He has since made five trips overseas, including a visit to Casablanca, too. Arthur entered the service October 13, 1942, and received his "boot" at Newport, R. I. His brother was sent to Sampson, N. Y., April 24, 1943, for his introduction to Navy ways. He received training at Diesel Motor School of Fighting, Chicago, and then was sent to Norfolk, Va.

★ *Clarence F.* and *Stanley W. Dilliard* are serving their country in two very different branches. Clarence is in the Merchant Marine, having enlisted in May. Stan is a private in the Army and is taking advanced

mand and his travels began. First big thrill came when he flew Admiral King to the historic Cairo conference and on to Teheran for the meeting of Roosevelt-Stalin-Churchill. This trip included two weeks in Cairo; a flight to Khartoum in Egypt, scene of Kipling's epic and Kitchner's famous battle; a night in Jerusalem and a trip through the Holy Land. Last adventure was flying to Australia to fetch Gen. MacArthur to Hawaii for his meeting with President Roosevelt. Best of all, however, was his marriage May 27th.

★ *Robert Tyson* has been graduated as a pilot and is taking advanced training with twin-engine bombers in Louisiana.

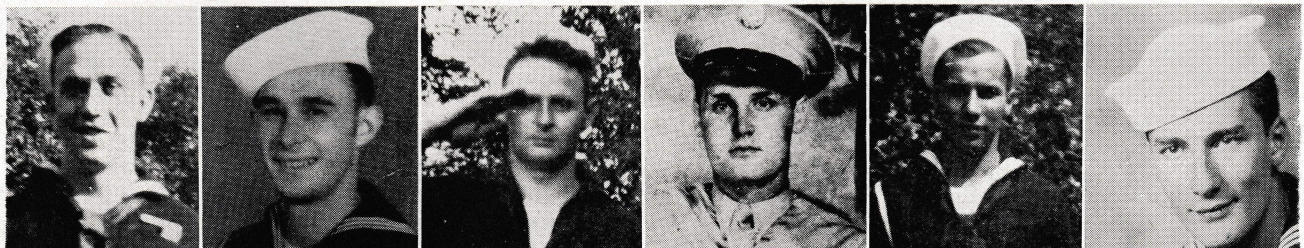
★ *Joseph and Robert Rehm* are now full-fledged Leathernecks. Joe has finished boot training at Parris Island and is now on guard duty at the

training there and also attended armorer's and weapons school. He is a member of Edgeboro Moravian church.

Warren entered the Army January 11, received his basic training at Camp Croft, S. C., and is now with the medical division at Ft. Riley. He is married to the former Martha Mann, who lives in Weaversville, and is a member of Snyder's church at Seemsville.

★ *Harry S. Bennett 3rd*, S 1/c, who is at present at San Diego, Calif., and brother *Raymond S.*, S 2/c, got into the Navy just about a year apart, Harry on June 30, 1943, and Ray on April 18, 1944. The boys are sons of Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Bennett, Jr., 925 Cayuga Street. They are graduates of Liberty High and members of Nativity church.

Harry underwent boot training at



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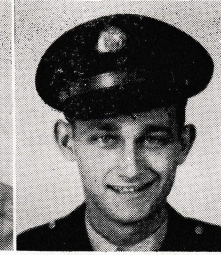
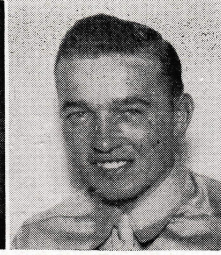
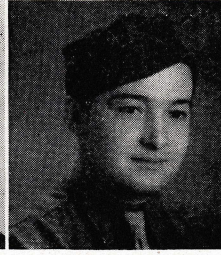
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Sampson, N. Y., and was then sent to aviation metalsmith school at Norman, Okla. From there he went to California. Ray "booted" at Bainbridge, Md., and is now attending electrical school there.

★ *Pvt. Arthur J. Kleppinger, Sgt. Robert J. Kleppinger and Williard D. Kleppinger, A/S*, are another family trio in uniform. Arthur was inducted in March, received basic training in Camp Blanding, Fla., then was sent to Ft. Meade, Md. Now he has been transferred to a camp in Indiana. He's in the Infantry. Williard entered service in March and received training in Camp Perry, Va., and in Bainbridge, Md. At present he is stationed in St. Albans Hospital, Long Island, N. Y. Robert is in the Army Air Force and is somewhere in France.

All are members of the Pilgrim Church and are sons of Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Kleppinger of R. D. 3, Easton.

★ *Paul L. Frankenfield, S 2/c*, one of the brothers pictured here had a lucky escape enroute home from the invasion coast of France when his ship struck a mine and went down. Paul lived to tell the tale and was home on a short leave. His brother, *Carson*, also pictured above, is a private in the army and is at present doing the M.P. duty at Fort Lewis, Washington. The boys are sons of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Frankenfield, Macada.

★ *Cpl. Vaughn L. Morlock, Pfc. Roy C. Morlock and Frederick J. Morlock, F 2/c*, are sons of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Morlock now serving Uncle Sam in uniform. Vaughn has a New York APO. Roy is in the Transient Center Marine Administration command out of San Francisco and Fred is at Dearborn, Mich. His wife and three children are living at Jersey Shore, Pa.

★ Two more Bethlehem brothers who are handing some Yankee brand fighting to the Nips are *Willard and Charles Edelman*. Willard has been two years in the South Pacific. Charles also is in the Pacific area. Their ratings are coxswain and seaman first class, respectively. Willard went first to Newport, R. I., Charles to Bainbridge. They are both former students at Liberty Hi and former employees of Freihofer Baking Co. Willard recently had a 30-day shore leave which he spent with their father, Charles Edelman, Sr., 216 West Elizabeth Avenue.

★ Take *Sgt. Geza Fartel and Cpl. Alex Fartel*, for example. Geza was inducted in January of '42 and was stationed at Langley Field, Va., until he went overseas in October. He served in the Medical Corps in North Africa and is now in Italy. Alex has been in service since April, 1941. He went to Camp Croft, S. C., to Camp Gordon Johnston, Fla., and to Camp Pickett, Va. He went overseas in August of '43 and was somewhere in England for a time. Now he's in France.

★ *Pvt. William Schaffner and Pvt. Paul Schaffner* are sons of Mrs. Mary E. Schaffner, 36 W. Spruce St., Bethlehem. Both are members of the Pilgrim Holiness Church.

William entered service in April, 1943. He received his training in the Quartermaster School in Camp Lee, Va. He is still stationed there.

Paul entered service in Sept., 1943. He received training in Anti-Aircraft in Ft. Eustus, Va., and Camp Kilmer, N. J. At present Paul is somewhere in France.

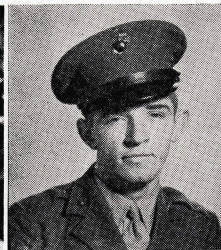
★ Two sons of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Minnich, Sr., 1413 Center St., are

serving their country. *Pfc. Oliver Minnich*, now at Thomasville, Ga., as a surgical technician in the Air Force, has been in uniform since January 2, 1943. *Albert* is at Camp Breckenridge, Ky. He was inducted March 25 of this year and was first at Camp Blanding, Fla. Both were recent visitors in Bethlehem with their wives and families.

★ Veteran of World War I, *Master Sgt. John N. Shenk* is at Camp Van Dorn, Miss. Sgt. Shenk is a real veteran for he entered the service in 1917 and has been in the army ever since . . . 26½ years. His brother, *Warrant Officer Merritt M. Shenk*, almost matches him in length of continuous service. He joined up in 1922 and has worn the uniform for 21½ years. He's at Camp McCoy, Wisc.

★ *Pfc. Marden Williams* celebrated his 24th birthday September 26 at Truax Field, Wisc., where he is instructing in radio in the Air Force. A former BSCo. employee, he was drafted while in his senior year as a law student at Moravian College, April 2, 1943. The day he left his brother, *Severt*, was notified to report and two weeks later left for training. Marden went to St. Petersburg, Fla., for his basic and while there was operated upon for appendicitis. He was sent to Scott Field, Ill., and then to Madison and has not been home since going into service.

Severt, a private first class, was 26 on October 6. He's in the Air Force as a mechanic and has been at Victorville, Calif., since June 1. In that month he concluded a two month stay at Sarasota, Fla. Severt got his basic at Atlantic City, N. J., spent eight months at Amarillo, Texas, and was in Buffalo, N. Y., for specialized work for a month and a half, after which he was sent to Sarasota.



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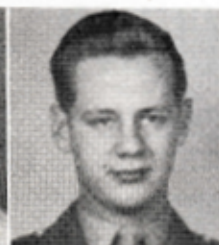
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Richard Bowser



Robert Bowser

The boys are sons of Mrs. Alice A. Williams and Severt is married to the former Virginia Angle. They have a son, Larry, aged five years.

★ Three sons of Mr. and Mrs. William Harpel, 176 Washington Ave., are all serving in the Army. They are Sgt. Ernest G. Harpel who is in the Signal Corps. Ernest, who has been overseas for sometime is serving in active duty in New Guinea.

Pfc. Marvin L. Harpel who is training in Pack Artillery has just recently finished his course at Camp Carson, Col. He is now at Camp Swift, Texas.

Pvt. Robert L. Harpel, who is in the Infantry, is now seeing active duty in Italy.

Before entry in the service all three brothers were employed at the Bethlehem Steel Co.

★ LeRoy Bachman has been advanced from corporal to sergeant. He had a short furlough at home with his parents earlier this year, after which he was shipped overseas. Now he is in France with the infantry. His brother, Robert, is in the SeaBees in New Caledonia.

★ News of an old friend of Stars, Cpl. Paul Ruth, comes in this item. Paul, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Ruth, 1001 North New St., has been in France for the past couple of months where he is mail clerk for his company. He writes, "although the boys are being showered with flowers, cider, wine and kisses, nothing makes them happier than letters from home." He said he was surprised to learn that the hedgerows are huckleberry bushes. Because of the many apple trees, there are countless swarms of honey bees flying in and around the tents.

Paul's brother, Troy H. Ruth, EM 1/c, in a Naval construction battalion, has been in the Pacific area for the past two years. Both are members of St. Paul's E. & R. church.



STAR'S LETTER BOX

★ Written July 17 on a Red Cross post card somewhere in Burma comes one of the most interesting (you need a magnifying glass to read it, however!) letters. *Ike Trumbore* is the author and he greets us thusly:

Dear Griff:

I don't think we've ever met (no, we haven't, Ike, but we will!)—but that doesn't matter. I want to thank you for sending me that April '44 issue of Stars. It came as a complete and very pleasant surprise. It may interest you to know that S/Sgt. *Johnny Martin* is stationed here with me. He's the first Bethlehem boy I've run into since I've been overseas . . . (several words censored). I missed Roy Frankenfield in (consonitis), I missed Roland Lynn in (censored), then in (censored) I was told that for ten months a Bethlehem guy named Martin had been stationed there—and I finally caught up with him here in Burma. Of all the places to meet a guy—in the Burma jungles. Johnny hasn't changed a bit for five years service, but he has gotten a little thinner than when we graduated from high school together back in 1940.

This is quite a fantastic experience for us young'uns. It's a far cry from the luxuries we once knew not so many moons ago. I've been wanting to pay off a certain debt for quite a long time . . . since the 8th of December, 1941. That day lives in my mind because my "sport hero," George Ellstrom, was ruthlessly murdered by our slant-eyed aggressors. I've paid them back, indirectly, of course, 'cause I'm a non-combatant, but I've got two combat gunner buddies who took me Jap-hunting one day from upstairs, and our little pals didn't know what hit them—and I don't mind admitting I was scared silly, but the happiest guy in the world. George Ellstrom was a wonderful guy all around . . .

Did you ever miss anything in your life, Griff? This may sound silly to you (it doesn't, Ike) but guys like me don't think it is. I'd give anything for a huge cold glass of milk, or maybe one of Prosser's special chocolate milk shakes. It's been four-

teen long months. Eighteen for Johnny. Every month in our PK rations we draw 24 bottles of beer, several cans of fruit juice and three cartons of cigarettes, maybe now and then a cigar, several cans of peanuts, and stale chocolate candy. The beer helps a little, even though it's warm.

Thanks again for Stars. It's so good to know where the gang is and what they're doing. Tell them all that Johnny Martin and I hope to see them again soon in the little town we're all so proud of. . . . Sincerely, Your Burma GI.

Ike Trumbore

★ From *Louis Pors*, somewhere in New Caledonia, comes this word: "I'm a pfc. now. I worked very hard for it and I'm not kidding you one bit." Louis mentions a picture of the chapel at his post and this is to tell him that his pastor, Mr. Lotz, has shown us a copy and also the program of dedication service.

★ *Lieut. Gustave Gomory*, whose picture and that of his sister, Constance, appeared together in the April Stars, remarks in a letter dated July 28 "Somewhere in France," "It might be interesting to note that Capt. Ueberroth (Arthur) and myself came overseas with the same Infantry Div. October 4, 1942, and that the same Div. is making a terrific combat record here in France. . . ." We are happy to know Stars has reached you, Lieutenant, for it is an indication that it is "getting across." Thanks for the letter.

★ On June 24, in France, *Pfc. William Kurtz* V-mailed a letter to Stars, acknowledging receipt of the latest issue. He wrote: "I am OK and by the looks of the pictures in the book the boys from dear old Bethlehem seem to be doing OK, also. I have been wondering where all the fellows from Bethlehem are keeping themselves. I didn't see any in the States and as long as I have been over here I haven't seen any. I surely thought I'd see a few of them in the midst of things on D-Day, but until this day I haven't met a one." That's tough, Bill, but keep your eye peeled, for there are plenty over there with you.

DANIEL CUPID --- HIS CORNER



★ The First Church of The Nazarene was the scene on August 22 of the nuptials of *Pfc. Raymond W. Diehl*, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Yocum, Fullerton, and *Evelyn Edith Seibel*, West Easton. The Rev. George P. Woodward officiated. Both young people are members of the church. Ray, a Marine, is serving aboard an aircraft carrier in the Pacific area. He was inducted August 7, 1942, and trained at Parris Island. He is a former student at Whitehall High school and worked for Bethlehem Steel.

★ On July 8 in the Glenwood Moravian church, Madison, Wisc., *Miss Doris Tremmel*, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Tremmel, 46 East Ettwein St., and *Pvt. Russell Erdman*, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence D. Scheirer, 1209 Monocacy St., became man and wife. The pastor, the Rev. Frederick Wolfe, performed the 11:30 a. m. service. Mrs. Wolfe and son Theodore were attendants.

Pvt. Erdman is in the Air Corps. He entered the service in August of 1943 and was stationed at Chanute Field, Ill., at the University of Reno, Nevada, at Santa Ana airbase, California, and at Truax Field, Madison, Wisc. He is now at Boca Raton, Fla.

★ July 27th was the wedding day of *Lt. Edwin A. Schrader* of Bethlehem and *2nd Lt. Catherine Windemuth, A.N.C.*, of Rockford, Ill. Since that day Lt. Schrader has been in England as instructor and platoon leader in a parachute infantry regiment, one of those outfits of which the last week's news had told such stirring stories of heroism. Mrs. Schrader was expecting to be sent overseas at the time the news was given to Stars. Her husband is a graduate of Georgetown University in foreign service. He enlisted in 1941 and, after receiving basic training at Camp Wheeler, Ga., volunteered to serve with the parachuters.

★ *Miss Ruth E. Jacoby*, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James M. Jacoby, 1110 Center Street, became the bride of *Private Robert D. Richards*, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Richards, 118 East Elizabeth Avenue, on August 24 at 3 p. m. in the study of Christ Evangelical and Reformed Church. The Rev. Dr. H. J. Ehret performed the ceremony.

The bride wore a street dress of pink rayon crepe and carried a white

covered Bible with gardenia marker. The couple was unattended and the ceremony was witnessed by the immediate families.

A wedding dinner was served for the immediate families at the Old Sun Inn, after which the couple left on a wedding trip to the Pocono Mountains. Mrs. Richards is residing with her parents, and Private Richards has returned to his base at Camp Barkeley, Texas.

The bride was graduated from Liberty High School and is employed by the Bethlehem Steel Company. Pvt. Richards was graduated from Liberty High School and attended Bethlehem Business College, Penn State Extension School and Lafayette College. Before his induction into the Medical Corps of the U. S. Army he was employed by Reichard-Coulston Company.

★ June 10th at 2 o'clock in the afternoon in Christ Evangelical and Reformed Church, *Miss Marjorie L. Oberly*, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Oberly of 177 Washington Avenue, and *Sgt. Raymond W. Steager*, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Steager, of 221 West Fairview Street, were married by the Rev. A. Augustus Welsh. The double ring ceremony was used.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a gown of white slipper satin, pearl trimmed, a finger-tip veil of net and orange blossoms and carried a white Bible with a marker of gardenias.

Her sister, Miss Leona Oberly, was her maid of honor and wore an aqua gown. She carried a bouquet of pink and white flowers. Miss Bessie Evans, bridesmaid, was gowned in dusty rose and carried blue and white flowers.

Dr. Malcolm Jones was best man for his brother-in-law and William Longnecker and Toivo Aho were ushers.

Miss Anna Quier, organist, played the traditional wedding marches and gave a recital before the ceremony.

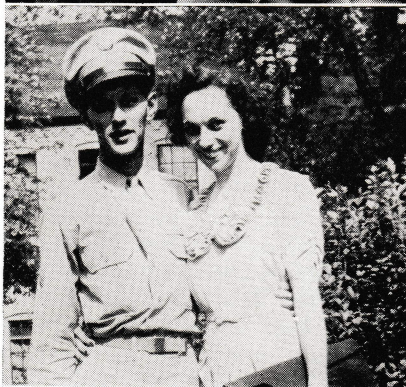
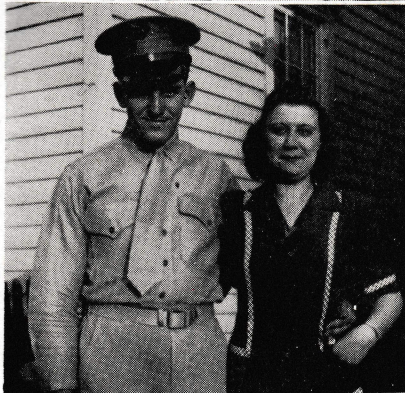
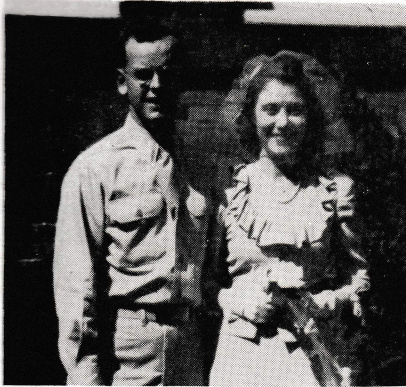
A reception followed at the home of the bride, after which the couple left on a wedding trip to the Pocono Mountains.

The bride, a graduate of Liberty High School, is church secretary at Christ Church.

The bridegroom was graduated from Liberty High School and attended Penn State Extension School and Bethlehem Business College. Before entering the Army two years ago he was in the employ of Bethlehem Steel Company. He is stationed in the Aleutian Islands and returned there at the end of his furlough. Mrs. Steager is residing with her parents.

Top picture, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Shiner; next below, Pvt. and Mrs. Russell Erdman; third down, Pvt. Walter M. Creutz, Jr. and fiancée, Miss Jean E. Sawk; bottom, A/C and Mrs. Warren Waldron.

★ The engagement of *Pvt. Walter M. Creitz Jr.* and *Miss Jean E. Hawk* was announced August 1st by the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hawk, 531 First Avenue.



Top picture, *Pvt. and Mrs. Robert Richards*; next below, *Pvt. and Mrs. Edward Diehl*; third down, *Ed. and Mrs. Schrader*; bottom, *Cpl. and Mrs. Donald Scheirer*.

Walter is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter M. Creitz Sr., 3327 Linden Street, and is in Signal Corps School at Camp Crowder, Mo. He is a graduate of Liberty High and a member of St. Paul's Evangelical and Reformed Church. He was active in the Young People's Society of the church and Wilbur Chapter DeMolays before entering the service. He is a member of the honorary fraternity Phi Eta Sigma.

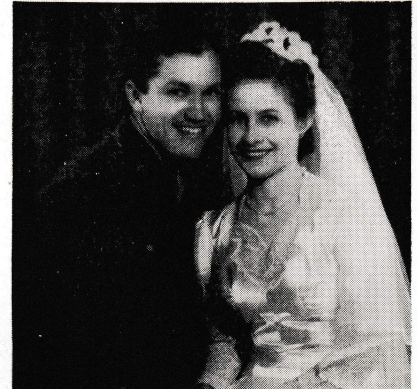
★ The wedding of *Lucille Hess* and *Cpl. Donald W. Scheirer* took place May 8 in Century Methodist church, St. Louis, Mo. Mrs. Scheirer is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Luther E. Hess, 261 East Garrison St., and her husband the son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Scheirer, 1209 Monocacy St. Cpl. Scheirer is at present at Scott Field, Ill. He has been in service since October, 1942.

★ There's a little preamble due this wedding story for the bride has been one of Stars' most faithful supporters . . . she and her Sunday school classmates from Emmanuel Evangelical Congregational church. These girls, about ten of 'em, have done much of the addressing of the envelopes, meeting on appointed nights at 1300 Main St., Ye Ed's domicile, and being absolutely invaluable. Their teacher, Mrs. Richard Michael, comes along and they all work like Trojans.

Well, some of these young ladies are married and some are engaged, the lucky menfolk being in various branches of the service, so of course the conversation of an evening is pretty generally about the different heart interests and when *Arlene* (she's the subject of this diatribe . . . her maiden name was Druckenmiller) kept bringing up the subject of her "Kenny" and went around with her left hand in view to let every one get a glimpse of the diamond on her finger, why we all knew a wedding must be in the offing. Sure enough, there was, and on March 31st at 8:30 p. m. she became the bride of *Cpl. Kenneth Wesner*. The double ring ceremony was performed at Scott Field, Ill., by Capt. W. F. Jackson with Ralph Zaccagnini of Pittsburgh, Pa., and Leonard Schneider of Clifton, N. J., "standing up" for the couple.

Oh yes, Arlene is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. Druckenmiller at 60 East North St. On September 2 her husband received his gunner's wings at Yuma, Ariz., and recently enjoyed a brief visit home with his wife. PS: Arlene makes a pretty bride, don't you think?

★ On August 1 in Rapid City, S. D., "Bud" *C. G. Sandford* took as his wife *Martha Barron* of Harrisburg. They are living in Rapid City, where Bud is stationed.



Top picture, *Cpl. and Mrs. Kenneth Wesner*; next below, *Seaman and Mrs. Lester Henn*; third down, *Sgt. and Mrs. Roy Steager*; bottom, *Maynard Raines and bride, Grace H. Colver*.

DAN'L CUPID---continued

★ Congratulations are in order for *Miss Grace H. Colver*, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Colver of 1321 Linden Street, and *AMM Maynard Kenneth Raines*, U. S. Navy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph H. Raines, of 254 West Fairview Street, whose marriage was recently solemnized in First Moravian Church. The bride is a graduate of Liberty High School and is employed as a telephone operator by the Bethlehem Steel Company. The bridegroom, also a graduate of Liberty, has been in the Navy for four and one half years and has the rank of aviation machinists mate first class. He is attending the Flight Engineers School and is based at Alameda, Calif.

★ *Gordon Speck* and *Gladys Reiss* announced their engagement when Gordy came home on a surprise visit recently. Now a fireman on a big navy tanker, Gordy has seen action in much of the latest Pacific fighting. The groom-to-be is a Moravian, and Gladys is a Lutheran.

★ What could be more romantic than the return of a bemedaled hero of the war against the Japs with a pretty bride on his arm? Not much of anything. All the elements of chivalry and derring-do are there, enough to satisfy even the most avaricious romancer.

Anyway, that's what *Major John W. Kline*, AAF, did this summer. From the sovereign State of Oklahoma straight to the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred C. Kline, Lehigh-ton, R.D. 3, he came with the former *Olita V. Lovelace*. They had been married in St. John's Episcopal church, Norman, Okla., the Rev. Joseph Ewing performing the double ring rite.

The Major has been commanding officer of a squadron of the famed "Jolly Roger" group which has been covering itself with glory in raids over the Jap-held Pacific isles. Among his 60 missions was included a raid on the Palau group where American Marines and Army men are now mopping up the Nips as MacArthur and Nimitz stride on to the Philippines and Tokyo.

Among the decorations held by Major Kline are the Distinguished Flying Cross, awarded him by Lt. Gen. George C. Kenny of the 5th Air Force. This was his first visit home since December 7, 1941, and he was welcomed by old friends at Nativity Church, including his old choirmaster, Dr. T. E. "Pop" Shields.

★ May 12th was the wedding day of *Herbert Schwab*, U.S.N., and *Marian Kincaid*, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Kincaid of Butztown, the Rev. Paul Strauch of Freemansburg officiating. The bride wore blue with pink accessories. After a brief wedding journey the bridegroom returned to his duty at Great Lakes, Ill.

★ On Wednesday, April 26, at 4 p.m. in the rectory of Holy Infancy church, *Patricia Kelly*, granddaughter of Henry F. Kelly, 425 Adams St., and *Lester L. Henn*, U.S.N., son of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Henn, 1113 Newton Ave., became man and wife. The Rev. A. B. Conway officiated. Stars extends congratulations to Lester and his bride, albeit a trifle of six months late. Lester was one of the first supporters of Stars, being our reporter and booster in Trinity E-R church, Freemansburg, where he was active in church and Sunday school. But to get back to the wedding . . . Mr. Kelly gave away his granddaughter, the bride being attired in white satin and net with finger-tip veil of tulle. Her bouquet was of sweetpeas and orchids. Her attendant was Miss Betty Rowe, gowned in peach net and carrying carnations and sweetpeas. Lester's best man was his brother, Donald, also a Navy man. After the wedding the couple received at the Bethlehem Young Men's Club. Their wedding trip was to Norfolk, Va. Lester is now in Italy.

The bride is a graduate of Catholic Hi and was employed in the cost department at Bethlehem Steel. Her husband, a Tech Hi graduate, was a machinist apprentice at the steel company plant.

★ The engagement of *Pfc. Albert Hartung*, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Hartung, 751 Cherokee St., and *Miss Ruth Sagstetter*, of Columbus, Ohio, has been announced by the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Sagstetter. Private Hartung, a member of Fritz Memorial church, is stationed at Warrenton, Va.

★ June 10 at 9 p. m. in St. James Episcopal chapel, Montgomery, Ala., *Miss Virginia Weidman*, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Weidman, 1321 North Main St., and *Aviation Cadet Warren R. Waldron*, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Waldron, were married by the rector, the Rev. Edgar Neff. Best man was Aviation Cadet Vincent Thomas, a fellow student with the bridegroom at Maxwell Field, Ala.

The bride was attired in a white street length dress and carried a white

prayer book with a marker of white carnations and white sweet peas. Her costume accessories were white, set off with an orchid at her shoulder.

★ July 29th in St. Matthew's Lutheran church *Joyce Elaine Klinger*, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roswell Klinger, 1013 Wood Street, and *Cpl. William E. Adams*, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Adams of R. D. 1, Bethlehem, were united in marriage by the pastor, the Rev. W. C. Berkemeyer.

★ July 17 in St. John's A. M. E. Zion church *Miss Audrey Clark*, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Clark, 622 Cherokee Street, and *Lieut. Elliott H. Blue*, U. S. Army Air Forces, were married by the Rev. K. O. P. Goodwin of Reading. A reception at the home of the bride's parents followed, after which the newlyweds spent a short time at Hampton, Va., home of the bridegroom's parents.

★ St. Matthew's Lutheran church was the scene July 11 of the marriage of *Beatrice A. Novak*, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Novak, 716 Pembroke Rd., and *S/Sgt. Russell Gower*, U.S.M.C., son of Mrs. William Gower, 929 Fernwood St. The Rev. W. C. Berkemeyer, pastor, tied the knot.

The bride was given in marriage by her father and was attended by her sister, Evelyn. Walter Radler was Sgt. Gower's best man. A reception was held at the bride's home after the ceremony.

★ The marriage July 5th of *Jeanette G. Strohl* and *Paul G. Keener*, S 1/c, U.S.N.R., was solemnized in the Concordia Lutheran church, Washington, D. C., by the Rev. Charles E. Enders. The couple was attended by Miss Anna Vornecht, this city, and Bernard Kellenberger and Louis M. Decenay, Washington.

Mrs. Keener is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Strohl, 650 Ontario Street. She and her sailor husband are living at 1015 N Street, N. W., Washington.

★ The marriage of *Irene R. Gower* and *Cpl. W. E. Hoffert* September 4 in the chapel of Buckley Field, Colo., has been announced by Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Gower, 727 High St., parents of the bride. Cpl. Hoffert is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Hoffert, Sr., 113 East Union Blvd. The ceremony was performed by Chaplain J. L. M. Nelson.

★ It is reliably reported, as the newspapers say, that *Ensign Frederick Bahnson*, 627 Sixteenth Ave., and *Miss Doris Mae Bos* of Holland, Mich., are contemplating matrimony, the wedding to take place this fall.

Friends back home in Wesley Methodist church wish them happiness. Stars joins in. Fred is specializing in electronics maintenance work at Boston for the Navy.

★ *AMM 2/c James M. McCard, U.S.N.*, son of Mr. Raymond McCard, 1427 Easton Ave. and the late Mrs. McCard, recently took as his bride *Miss Annamae E. Reese*, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Reese of 511 Fourth Ave. The bride is a graduate of Liberty High school and was employed in the Accounts Payable Division of the Bethlehem Steel Co. The bridegroom is a graduate of Liberty High school and was employed in No. 2 Machine Shop before entering the Navy. He entered the service April, 1942 and just returned from 12 months overseas duty in the South Pacific. He is now stationed at Seattle, Wash. The couple will reside in Seattle for the present.



MORE LETTERS

★ *Fireman First Class William H. Mann* writes: "Recently when our ship got its mail I received a copy of Stars. . . . I have been getting them regularly and this is the first time I have had a chance to write you and thank you for them. . . ." Glad to know Stars is reaching you, Bill, and that you get pleasure from the magazine. That's what we want to hear.

★ Many thanks for all the Stars I've received in the past and hope they will continue to come to the end of my Army days. Like the Beltzner boys, my one-time neighbors, there are also three Fogels in the service; Merritt is in the Air Force and Mark is a Navy recruit. Both are in the

FIJI GLIMPSES

★ The three photos on this page are from a collection of snapshots which *Mrs. Charles Crockett* of North New St., has received from time to time from her son, *John*. John is a musician in an Army band in the South Pacific, but he's never too busy, it would appear, to haul out the camera and take interesting pictures. There are many difficulties of climate in successful photography in the area where he is, so some of his snapshots can not be reproduced. The smaller picture shows a Fiji island policeman (the gent with the fuzzy head of hair and scalloped white skirt) and his small son. The other, on the right, is of the interdenominational chapel in which Protestant, Catholic and Hebrew services are held. The Cross and Star of David surmount the door and Old Glory flies from the pole in front. Services are well attended, John writes. The picture on the right is of a typical group of Fiji natives. Notice the little fellow with the big tummy there in front. Looks well fed!



good old U.S.A." The letter is from *Lieut. Maurice A. Fogel, AAF*.

★ *Bob Bewley* writes: "I am in combat in France and have been for a long time. The Germans are a tough enemy to subdue, but in the end they usually surrender. I don't find the country much different from our own. Of course, the habits of the people are different from ours, but I suppose that is to be expected. . . ."

★ From *Arthur H. Jones* comes word of his promotion to seaman first class. "I would like you to say 'hello' to all my buddies for me and wish them the best of luck and 'smooth sailing' wherever they may be," Arthur says.

★ This acknowledges *Lt. Richard H. Sotzing's* note from Clovis, N. M. Glad you find Stars good reading.

★ From *Alex Toth* we learn directly



of his recent promotion to private first class in the Marines. Says he, "Anything is welcome out here in the South Pacific, even when it is a magazine from the good old home town. There is one other Marine here from Bethlehem (his name is not given). I used to attend school with him. Usually we get together and 'shoot the breeze!'"

★ "I have just received your April issue of Stars (Monday, July 24) and sure was glad to hear from you all way back there in Bethlehem," writes *Sgt. C. H. Kuhn* from India. "I am stationed somewhere in India and believe me, it sure is an interesting place. There are two other Bethlehem boys with me, *Johnny Hippenstiel* and *John Fenton*. . . . I'll send you a Jap's head for X-mas." No, thanks, send it to your girl friend, Charlie.



THE NAVY IN HOME WATERS

"Fleets In — Every Man For Himself"

★ *Harold W. Groth, Jr., A/S*, is at Camp Peary, Va., in the ships Personnel office, Reports department. Son of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Groth, Allentown R. 60, he entered the Navy April 27. He's a graduate of Fountain Hill Hi. Says he finds Naval life to his liking.

★ *Carl R. Weil, F 1/c*, graduate of Fountain Hill Hi, is now at Chicago, Ill., acting as a water tender. He enlisted February 14, 1943, from Bethlehem Steel and was first at Sampson, N. Y. He was transferred to St. Paul, Minn., and from there to Chi. He's 21.

★ *John E. Nolf* graduated in May at the National Naval Medical Center as H. A. 2/c. after a course of training that started at Sampson, N. Y., February 6. He graduated there as seaman 2/c and was sent to Hospital

★ Graduation for Quartermaster school in December is the aim of Bruce N. Handelong, 501 Woodlaw Avenue, who is stationed at Great Lakes N.T.C. Bruce was 20 years old September 12. He is a graduate of Liberty Hi and spent two years at Muhlenberg College. Inducted August 5, 1943, he chose the V-5 program and was sent to U. of P. for pre-flight. Completing his course there he went to Lock Haven S.T.C. and subsequently to Chapel Hill. Next stop was



Paul Urffer



Harold Bachman



Robert Heller



C. Edward Bees



J. E. Nolf



Marlen Miller

★ Many a time *Ed. H. Brown, S 2/c*, better known as "Brownie," handed a coke or a cone over the counter of his fountain in the College Inn, Main Street, to some of Star's readers. For Brownie, now a tar, used to be proprietor of the sweet shop. He entered the service March 23 from employment by Bethlehem Steel, received boot training at Bainbridge, Md., and was then sent to Norfolk, Va., to attend cooks and bakers school. He is a College Hill member and a DeMolay alumnus.

★ *William Hochella, Midshipman*, recently moved from Muhlenberg to Notre Dame in his course toward becoming an ensign. He hopes to see action on a PT boat after completion of his course.

★ *Paul W. Wohlbach, F 1/c, MM*, is now at Camp Bradford, Va. He had his boot training at Sampson, N. Y., and was afterwards at the University of Illinois for nine weeks taking up the mechanics of Diesel engines. He's married and the father of two sons.

Corps school, Portsmouth, Va. May 11 he finished up there and was sent to Bethesda, Md., for Corps school. He is a former price auditor for Bethlehem Steel and is a member of the Tall Cedar club, the band, Auxiliary Police and of Salem Lutheran church. His wife, the former Ethel Fogel, resides at 631 Seventh Avenue.

★ *Lt.(jg) J. Frederick Gehr, U.S.N.R.*, son of Rev. Dr. and Mrs. G. Franklin Gehr, is on duty with the First Naval District, Boston, Mass. He is a graduate of Liberty Hi, Class of '28; of Muhlenberg college, Class of '32, and the University of Pennsylvania Law School, Class of '35. Until he entered the service in February of 1943 he was in charge of the claims department, Travelers' Insurance Company, Williamsport, Pa. His father is pastor of Salem Lutheran church and one of Stars' best friends.

★ *Samuel D. Sweeney, S 2/c*, son of Mrs. Lawrence Sweeney, 600 Sioux St., is taking a special course of training at a Naval air station.

Bunker Hill, Ind., for advanced work and he rolled up 120 hours in the air. However, this phase of training was discontinued by the Navy department and Bruce is now at Great Lakes.

★ Stars has learned that *Robert Heller, S 2/c*, was recently undergoing a six-week training course in Commando tactics at Camp Allen, Va. Heller left April 19 for service. Until that time he had been in the employ of the Bethlehem Foundry and Machine Co. Mrs. Heller is the former Elizabeth Marino. The couple was married December 16, 1939.

★ *Paul Urffer, EM 3/c*, was awaiting assignment to a mine sweeper at last report, being stationed at Little Creek, Va., at the time. He has been in the Navy since last Nov. 18 and is the son of Mrs. Florence Urffer, 46 New St., Freemansburg. He writes to friends in Trinity Reformed church that Stars keeps him up-to-date on his friends' whereabouts and activities. Glad to hear it, Paul . .



Carl Weil



Paul Wohlbach



Harold Groth



Edwin Brown



Bruce Handelong



Frederick Gehr



Charles Mohr

Robt. Ziegenfuss

William Diehl

Francis Beahm

LeRoy LaRose, Jr.

Fred Klass

★ Stars hears that *Charles F. Mohr*, F 2/c, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Mohr, 337 Hamilton Avenue, is attending basic engineering school at Gulfport, Miss. He started his Navy work at Bainbridge, Md., after leaving his employment with Bethlehem Steel.

★ *Robert Trembath* recently spent a short leave at home with his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Landrock. Bob had just finished boot training at Sampson, N. Y., at the time. He's a member of Fritz Memorial church.

★ *Charles R. Lux*, ARM 3/c, was home with his parents recently enjoying a 20-day leave upon completing 10 months of air crewman training at Jacksonville and Deland, Florida. He graduated on July 6 as radioman and gunner in the Naval Air Corps. It looks like the love bug has bitten Charles for he spent quite some time with Miss Marion Minier of Odrain, Mich. She traveled to Bethlehem to help him enjoy his leave. He has now reported back to Norfolk, Va., for advanced training.

★ *Thomas (Tommy Tucker) Clause*, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Clause, 432 Carlton Ave., has been stationed aboard a hospital ship for the past several months. His first ship has been decommissioned and turned over to the Coast Guard. Tommy is fortunate in having several of his buddies from boot training days with him.

★ As a newspaper "photog" *Robert "Bob" C. W. Ziegenfuss*, S 2/c, was pretty hot. Now he's studying photography in a Navy school at Pensacola, Fla. Bob used to snap 'em for the Bethlehem Globe-Times. He later worked for the Steel company, entering the Navy May 22 and taking boot training at Camp Peary, Williamsburg, Va. He is married to the former Marie Lyon, who is residing with her family on East Garrison St. Do they serve "cheesecake" in the Navy, Bob?

★ *Seaman 2/c Rudolph Hurt*, son of Rev. and Mrs. J. E. Hurt, Pawnee St., was home on furlough not so long ago. He is with the Coast Guard in Boston, Mass., and hopes it will soon be over so he can get home.

★ *Leonard Achey*, son of Mr. and Mrs. Archie Achey, 1602 Monocacy

St., is now at Quonset Pt., R. I., to which place he was transferred from a Naval air technical training center. Achey was inducted April 24, 1943, and was first at Sampson, N. Y. In June, after a 7-day furlough, he entered the NATC. He recently married Olga Marie Adams of Hoosic Falls, Mass. Leonard attended Liberty Hi and is a former BSCO. employee and a member of the Nazarene congregation.

★ Sound School, Key West, Fla., locates *LeRoy LaRose, Jr.*, S 2/c, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. R. LaRose of 541 Guetter St. Roy entered the service on his 17th birthday, April 19. He had been attending Franklin Junior Hi. His boot training was undergone at Camp Peary, Va., and he was sent from there to Florida.

★ *Midshipman Philip Nonnemacher* is studying for his ensign's commission at Notre Dame University. He completed V-12 training at Muhlenberg College in June. He's the son of the Rev. and Mrs. W. F. Nonnemacher, Newfoundland, Pa., former Bethlehemites, and a member of Central Moravian church.

★ Information is that *C. Edward Bees*, MM 3/c, is training as a deep sea diver at San Diego, Calif. Bees is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Bees, 249 East Ettwein St. and is married, his wife residing at 1434 Budd Avenue. He formerly was a machinist at Bethlehem Steel.

★ *William Diehl*, 322 East Laurel St., recently was transferred from Bainbridge, Md., to Sampson, N. Y., where he is attending storekeeper school.

★ *Harold Bachman*, S 1/c, recently volunteered for submarine service and is now at Portsmouth, N. H. He entered the Navy Sept. 4, 1943, and was sent first to Sampson, N. Y., where he also attended Quartermaster school. Upon volunteering for sub. duty, he was sent to New London, Conn. Harold is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Bachman, 330 Washington Ave. and a member of Edgeboro Moravian church.

★ More than likely by this time the ship which *Francis J. Beahm*, MoMM 3/c, was reportedly waiting for at Houston, Texas, has come in and he has sailed away. Francis was inducted December 16, 1943, went to Sampson,

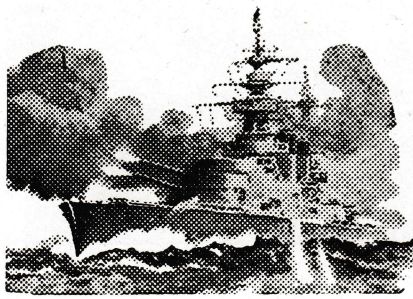
N. Y., took Diesel training at the University of Illinois and advanced Diesel engineering at Richmond, Va. After that it was amphibious training at Little Creek, Va. He received his 3rd class rating June 10.

★ *Marlen E. Miller*, F 2/c, has just graduated from Diesel school at Gulfport, Miss., and is now going to the amphibious school at Fort Pierce, Florida. He enlisted March 29 and took his boot training at Bainbridge, Md. After a nine day leave, he was sent to engineers' school in Mississippi. He is a graduate of Technical Hi, class of 1940, and the son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew W. Miller of Easton R. F. D. 3, and nephew of Mr. and Mrs. John Gruver of Bethlehem. They also have a daughter, a member of the U. S. Cadet Nurse Corps at Easton Hospital.

★ Of *Fred A. Klass*, Mus. 3/c, we learn that he is stationed at Lido Beach, L. I., N. Y., as a member of a ship's company band. Fred, a petty officer, enlisted in April and boot trained at Bainbridge, Md. He's a former draftsman and ordnance engineer for Bethlehem Steel, a member of the high school band and of Emmanuel church and Sunday school orchestra.



★ This picture is of *Pvt. Harold C. Moll*, U.S.M.C., left, and two buddies whom he met in the South Pacific. At the right is a lad named Ganninger; stooping is one Powell. Harold says it's "awful hot" where he is. He's the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Moll, 521 Ontario St. and has been in the Marines since December 15. Before going across he had a ten-day furlough with his folks.



THE NAVY AT SEA

"All Hands To Battle Stations"

★ *John M. Shuman, McMM 3/c*, is reported aboard ship somewhere in the South Atlantic, his vessel being a destroyer escort. Shuman, who calls 232 East Ettwein Street, his home port, entered the service March 23 and trained at Bainbridge, Md. A ten-day shore leave followed completion of his introduction to Navy ways and he spent the time at home. Upon his return he went to Norfolk, Va., for 10 days, and then to sea.

★ After eight weeks of training at Norfolk, Va., *Delbert L. Seifert, F 2/c*, was recently assigned to a new destroyer. He entered the Navy March 25 and trained at Camp Peary, Williamsburg, Va. He's a former BSCo. employee and the son of Mr. and Mrs. Thurston Seifert, 136 Roth Avenue, Hellertown.

★ Exact whereabouts of *William Lettich, S 1/c*, now somewhere at sea, isn't known, but it is recorded that he served for 10 months in Iceland. B-r-r-r-r-r-r. Bill joined the Navy August 10, 1942, and had his boot training at Norfolk, Va. He is a member of Holy Trinity Lutheran church and a former employee of Bethlehem Steel.

★ Word of the promotion of *Ellwood Clewell, Jr.*, to petty officer 2nd class has been received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Clewell, 1416 North Center St. He is somewhere in Great Britain.

★ Somewhere in the South Pacific area is *Claude W. Diehl, S 2/c*, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Yocum, Fullerton. Claude was inducted April 18 and trained at Bainbridge, Md. He came home for nine days upon completion of this period and since that time has been at sea. He is married to the former Ruth Wehr and is the father of one child. The couple belongs to the First Church of the Nazarene.



Ernest Pecsek



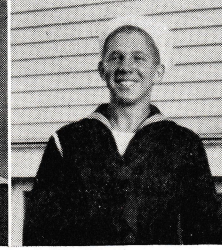
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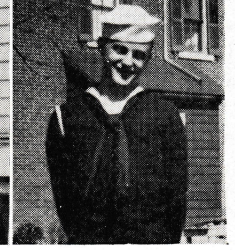
John Shuman



Delbert Seifert



Robt. Greenawalt



Alvin Eddinger

★ Again a departure from the rule for *Pvt. William Rudolph, Jr.*, and *Robert W. Greenawalt, TM c/c*, aren't brothers at all, but cousins. Rudolph is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Rudolph of Alliance, Ohio, and Robert the son of Mr. and Mrs. O. K. Schuster of the same place. Both are overseas.

★ *Charles G. Seibert*, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Seibert, has completed his boot training at Great Lakes, and is now somewhere on the Pacific. Upon his return to Great Lakes, he was sent to Balboa Park, Calif., and then spent some time at Hawaii and Pearl Harbor. Up to the time in Pearl Harbor, he had been with a few of his friends who spent their boot training with him. They also are from Bethlehem. He had received a rating of fireman first-class before he was assigned to his ship.

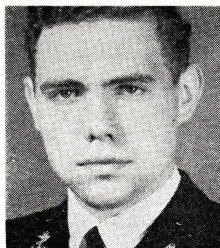
★ Ambition to be a writer burns in the breast of *Ernest Pecsek, S 2/c*, now overseas. Pecsek would like to write about everything he's seen since going across April 19th to take part in the invasion of France. Pecsek is married to the former Irene Bokan and is the father of two sons.

★ *Ensign Robert A. Clayton* celebrated his 21st birthday on September 27th aboard an L.C.T. heading for Pacific waters. While a sophomore at Lehigh University he enlisted in the V-12 program and was sent to Swarthmore College. He received his commission at Camp McDonough, Plattsburgh, N. Y., on June 27, leaving immediately for duty in the Pacific. He is a member of Rosemont Lutheran church and son of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Clayton, 2005 West Broad Street.

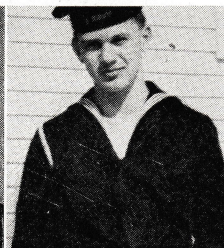
★ A newly commissioned aircraft carrier is the present home of *William A. Ueberroth, S 2/c*. Bill, reports have it, hopes to become an aerographer's mate some day. He was first at Sampson training station and was assigned directly to his ship. He attended Tech Hi, where he was studying drafting. He's a member of First Moravian church and his home is at 206 Washington Avenue.

★ *Alvin Eddinger, F 1/c*, is in Pacific waters. He's the son of Mrs. Thomas Eddinger, 942 Delaware Ave., and the late Mr. Eddinger; a graduate of Tech Hi, a member of Nativity church and a former Bethlehem Steel employee.

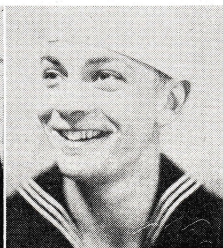
★ *John M. Antolick* has been advanced from seaman 1st class to aviation machinist mate 3rd class. He is located in South America.



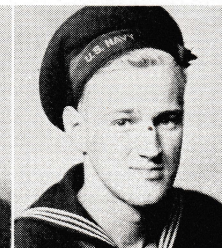
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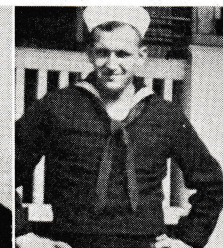
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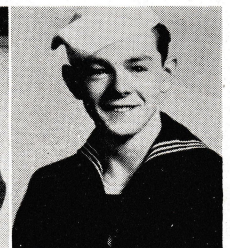
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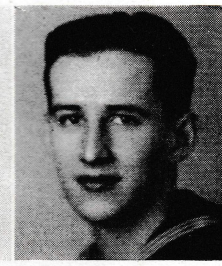
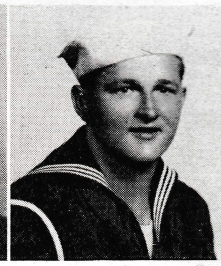
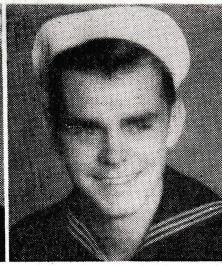
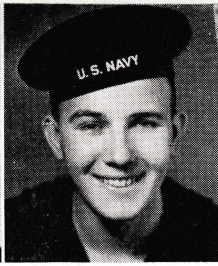
William Lettich



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Paul Stoneback

Marvin Layton

Franklin Hawk

E. J. McGuiness

Joseph Royko

Gerald Leibert

★ Late word of *Dale R. Reichley*, S 1/c, given to Stars by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Reichley, 1216 Wood St., said that he was enjoying a well-earned liberty ashore somewhere in the South Pacific. Dale, in a recent letter, said he had received the July Stars and is grateful to all who have helped make the magazine possible. He says he was in the Saipan invasion, which was "not too pleasant," but he came through safe and sound and is in good health. He has been in the service since Feb. 10, training at Great Lakes, Ill., and, after a short furlough, being sent immediately to sea. He had a short stay in Hawaii. Dale is a member of St. Peter's Lutheran church and is the husband of the former Virginia Caffrey of Easton, whom he married August 8, 1942.

★ *Michael Yamnicky*, S 1/c, has followed his brother, *Joseph*, seaman first class also, to sea and is now shuttling between points about Africa and Europe, while Joe rides, or is it bumps?, the waves on one of the delicate D.E.'s. Pastor John Daniel of St. John Slovak Lutheran church attributes information concerning Michael to Miss Julia Zavodny of St. Luke's.

★ *Emil Skulteti*, S 2/c, has shoved off to distant seas.

★ *Andrew Kudlan*, M 3/c, who has not seen his wife and two sons for almost three years, left a South Atlantic port recently and is now somewhere in the Middle East. Pastor Daniel says the two boys are doing fine, attending Sunday school and looking forward to Daddy's return from sailing the ocean blue.

★ *Truman Thatcher* has been promoted to coxswain. He writes to the admiring homefolks that he's been 'round the world five times and certainly will have "something to tell" when he reaches the home port at last. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Truman Thatcher, 319 Crest Avenue.

★ *William H. Bartholomew*, S 1/c, member of a ship's armed guard, recently returned from a voyage to England and other lands. He saw his first action off Africa and on this last trip was attacked several times. He was inducted a year ago Sept. 24 and not long ago had a 17-day shore leave.

★ Another Bethany lad who is helping put invasion forces ashore is *Marvin R. Layton*, member of an LST crew. He entered the service February 10, 1944, boot trained at Great Lakes, Ill., for five weeks and was sent to Bradford, Va., for assignment.

★ *Eugene McGuiness*, S 2/c, son of Mrs. Cecelia McGuiness, 611 Christian St., is now serving in South America. He received his boot training at Sampson and from there went to Boston. Next port was in S. A. He started in the Navy in July, 1943.

★ Better than 17 months overseas is the experience of *Franklin E. Hawk*, G.M. 3/c. Hawk has been in the South Pacific area after eight months in gunnery school at Great Lakes, Ill. He also got his basic training there and was a member of the station choir.

★ It's highly likely that when the Yanks and their allies went ashore to start the big push, *John D. Peffer*, S 1/c, radioman, member of the crew of an LSM, was in on the event. Peffer, nephew of Miss Mary Peffer, 531 Sixth Ave., entered the service August 11, 1943. He was sent to Sampson and from there to Naval radio school at Texas A & M college. At the end of five months he was assigned to Little Creek, Va., for advanced radio schooling. He was there until July and then was sent to Charleston, S. C., and ordered to LSM duty.

★ *Charles S. Redline*, U. S. N. R., received his second "spot" promotion at sea recently, being advanced from junior to senior grade lieutenant. His previous upgrading was also at sea in January when he moved up from ensign. He is at present somewhere in the Atlantic war area. When he first entered the service he was at the Naval hospital, Philadelphia. He was commissioned at the University of Notre Dame in January, 1943, and has been at sea since, taking part in the landings at Sicily and Salerno.

★ From *W. T. Morsell*, coxswain, U.S.N., comes the word: "Being the man behind the men with the guns, we must never let them down . . . our job is to keep 'em rolling along."

★ *Gerald Leibert*, EM, is back on duty after a 30-day leave which followed hospitalization in England. Gerald was serving aboard a destroyer which was sunk in the D-day action and was rescued in the nick of time from a watery grave. He came back from Britain aboard one of the famous Queens of the Sea, a one-time luxury liner now carrying troops. He wears the American theatre of operations ribbon and the African campaign bar with three stars for participating in three major actions. Gerald is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Leibert, 64 East Ettwein St.

★ In charge of a PT boat in Pacific waters is *Lt.(jg) Paul M. Stoneback*, who joined the Navy December 26, 1943, and entered officer training school at Ft. Schuyler, the Bronx, N. Y. After 16 weeks he was transferred to Melville, R. I., where he was graduated in August. He left for active duty after a 10-day leave at home.

★ *Robert R. Campbell*, Som 2/c, is with the Atlantic fleet on active duty. He has been out since January of 1943. A member of Rosemont Lutheran church, he enlisted in July of 1942 and was trained at Newport N.T.S. and at fleet sound school, Key West, Fla.

★ "Somewhere at sea" describes the whereabouts of *Joseph A. Royko*, F 1/c, who entered the service May 28, 1942, and who has been on active duty since August, 1943. He is the son of Mrs. Fannie Royko, 714 Itaska St.

★ Word was received from *Tommy Gangwere* that he came through the battle of Saipan uninjured. Tommy is in the Navy and has engaged in several battles.



John Peffer

Robert Campbell



WITH THE LEATHERNECKS

"The Situation Is Well In Hand"

★ *John Myers, Jr.*, writes to Stars: "I am somewhere in the South Pacific. Am fine and in good health and my job is very interesting. As for the men I am with, they don't come any better, or any rougher. I am one of the first colored boys ever to join the —st Marine Division, which is an honor in itself. After crossing the ocean I am no longer a 'boot' but a full-fledged Leatherneck."

★ *Pfc. Stephen Macey*, who was hospitalized for some time last summer, is recuperating at Cherry Point, N. C., and doing useful work there meanwhile.

★ Now on duty at the Philadelphia Navy Yard, *Pfc. Leonard Hoffert* has behind him two years of service in the South Pacific fighting. He spent four months on Guadalcanal and was in on the invasion of New Britain, in which action he was wounded. He wears the Purple Heart, four engagement stars and a citation star. Not long ago he was home on a 30-day furlough to see his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Hoffert, 727 North New Street.

★ *Cpl. S. J. Dalinit*, former Laros Silk Co. worker, is now at San Diego, Calif.

★ *Pvt. Richard D. McCandless*, 419 East Broad St., a member of Salem Lutheran Church, has recently been transferred to the Marine Air Corps Station at Greenville, N. C., where he is attached to a fighter squadron. "Dick" entered the Marines February 14, taking his boot training at Parris Island, S. C. He was later sent to an air base in Edenton, N. C., from which base he left for Cherry Point, N. C. After only a few weeks here, he received his present assignment. July 7, he celebrated his 21st birthday. April 26th, while home on a short furlough after "boot" training, Pvt. McCandless became engaged to Betty Louise Stipp of Grace Lutheran Church.



Charles Heffelfinger

James Kautz

Miles Whitesell

Robert Danner

★ *Sgt. John Yaniga*, wounded in the Western Pacific battle area, is now mending in Hawaii and hopes to be ready soon to return for further duty.

★ Yaniga might look up *Sgt. Paul Kolesar*, also of the Marines, who is stationed in Hawaii and making up for the time spent there by continuing his studies with the local school facilities. A mighty swell idea!!

★ The Maurice Prices of 1578 Easton Avenue recently enjoyed a furlough visit from their son, *Pfc. Maurice, Jr.*, home from duty at Cherry Point, N. C. Maurice entered the Marines Feb. 14 and was first at Parris Island, S. C. He graduated later at Aviation Ordnance school, Quantico, Va. He is an alumnus of Liberty Hi, class of '43, and a member of Edgeboro Moravian church.

★ There's more than one way of getting into the Marines, it seems. *Robert Paul Danner*, HA 1/c, who is with the Leathernecks attached to a hospital unit in the Central Pacific area, enlisted in the Navy in April, 1943. After boot training at Sampson, N. Y., he was sent to the Norfolk Naval Hospital, Portsmouth, Va. Graduating with honors, he was sent to the Philadelphia Naval Hospital for further training. In September of 1943 he was transferred to the Marines and sent to Camp Lejeune, N. C. February of this year he was sent to Hawaii and from there to the battle area, where his skill is doing great things for his buddies of both Marines and Navy.

Bob is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Danner, 334 East North Street. He celebrated his 20th birthday August 27. Congratulations!!

Although at the time of this writing Dick had received only one issue of "Stars," he tells us how much he enjoyed reading about so many old friends and knowing where they are and what they are doing.

★ *John Myers Jr.* marked a year in service September 4. He is in the South Pacific with the only colored unit in his division and is doing very well, according to reports.

★ Here's a young man who is very proud to be in the U. S. Marine Corps. He is *Pfc. Miles J. Whitesell*, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter W. Whitesell, of 937 Main Street. He enlisted on November 11, 1943, and after he completed his basic training at Parris Island, was transferred to New River, N. C. At present he is stationed at Camp Pendleton, Calif., as an instructor in rocket guns. He attended high school and was employed as a crane operator in the Bethlehem steel plant here.

★ *James Kautz*, son of Mrs. Layton Kautz, 10th Avenue, and member of Holy Trinity Lutheran church, is now in the South Pacific.



S. J. Dalinit

Charles Fluck

Leonard Hoffert

Maurice Price

Richard McCandless

Harold Diehl

★ Columbia, S. C., is the address today of *Pvt. Charles Heffelfinger*. He's been in the Corps since early in the Spring; was a bootee at Parris Island and in May went to Cherry Point, N. C. After a furlough he was sent to Columbia. His wife was a recent visitor.

★ *Charles Fluck*, sergeant in the Leathernecks, has now served two years, as of July. Stationed in Hawaii, he gets around, having been to Saipan, Tinian and nearby way stations, besides a two-month stay in the Aleutians. He is a "graduate" of Parris Island boot camp and of the radio school at Quantico, Va. He was transferred to field telephone work at New River, N. C., and was afterwards stationed at Camp Elliott, San Diego, Calif. He went up to the Aleutians in July of 1943, was gone two months and came home, only to be sent out to Hawaii.

On May 10, 1943, Charles and Gladys Gerstenberg of Riegelsville were married in LaJolla, Calif., by the Rev. William Forsham. His sergeant's stripes have come since his stay in Hawaii.

★ *Pfc. Harold I. Diehl* received his first stripe at the Naval Air Technical Training Center, Memphis, Tenn., upon completion of his course there. Now he is at Peterfield Point, Camp Lejeune, N. C., with the Marine ordnance. He, also, is an "alumnus" of Parris Island boot camp. Recently he was able to spend a short visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Diehl of Hellertown.

★ If you've ever wondered what Japanese dogs are like, take the word of *Millard E. Egbert*, veteran of operations in the South Pacific, including Saipan and Tinian, that they are slant eyed and as stupid as their masters! Millard has been in the Marines since October, 1942, and received his basic training at Parris Island, S. C., and transferred thence to Camp Lejeune, N. C. From there he went to Camp Pendleton, Ocean-side, Calif. He entered combat duty in January. As this was written he was at a rest camp. He is the son of Mrs. Anna Egbert, 24 West Union Blvd.

★ A family reunion over 5000 miles from home! It was almost like that when the three **Belzner** brothers, **Clark, Donald** and **Wesely**, met in Hawaii. All three are in the Navy. "Home base" for them is 622 Second Avenue, where their mother, Mrs. Flossie Belzner and sister Barbara are living. Clark and Wesely are members of the West Side Moravian Church, and Don is a member of Holy Trinity Lutheran.



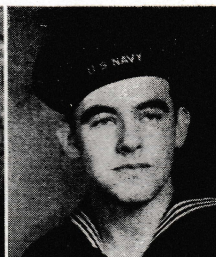
Donald Koehler



Edward Miller



Charles Hartz



Walt Diefenderfer

SEA-BEES

"We Build"

★ *Donald M. Koehler, S 1/c*, celebrated his 19th birthday August 26 in Australia and the congregation of St. Thomas church at Macada says "Good Luck" to him and his buddies out there. Don joined the Sea Bees in October of 1943 and started Navy life at Camp Peary, Williamsburg, Va. After a 10 day leave with his family, he was sent to Camp Holiday, Gulfport, Miss., and from there went overseas. He landed in New Guinea February 26.

★ We learn that *Edward R. A. Miller, BM 2/c*, who enlisted a little over a year ago and was trained at Camp Peary, Va., is now in Honolulu. Ed. used to work for the Bethlehem Steel. He spent a little time at Gulfport, Miss.

★ *Walter Diefenderfer, BM 2/c*, whose wife, Edith, lives at 1118 Orchard St., is serving at Quoddy Village, Maine. He's been in the Sea-Bees since September 23, 1943, making his service a little better than a year old. His boot training was at Camp Peary, Va. Walt is a member of Zion E. & R. church.

★ *Charles R. Hartz, S 2/c*, son of William Hartz, 1121 Fritz Dr., Pembroke Village, is now in Hawaii. He boot trained at Camp Peary, Va.



MORE LETTERS

★ Apparently Stars interests men other than those who get the magazine directly. *K. O. Carty* says, "In the time I have off I read it from cover to cover, then I give it to one of my buddies, *David Lichtenwalner*, better known to the boys as "Lichty." When he is finished with it, I start all over again. Could you tell me who is sponsoring me for I would like to thank them for it (Since Carty doesn't say what church roster he's on, we can't give him that information. We can only say, "Thank your pastor when you write home and he'll tell the folks.")

He goes on to say, "I am over here in N. Ireland and more or less enjoying myself. Some of these Irish girls . . . yum, yum! Belfast is a pretty place. . . . Irish people as a whole are pretty swell."

★ To *Roy E. Clause, S 1/c*: Sorry, do not print addresses. Your friends, may, however, get yours from us if they like. Glad you like the magazine and you'll continue getting it as long as Salem church participates . . . which should be for as long as Stars continues to be published.

★ Several interesting letters have been forwarded to Stars by Dr. Corson C. Snyder, St. Peter's Lutheran pastor. One is from *Cpl. Bruce L. Miller*, who writes, "A friend of mine is in the same squadron ("somewhere in Italy"), *George Searfoss*, from West Bethlehem, and after I had read Stars I asked him if he would like to read it. He said 'yes, he would' since he had not heard of it, and after reading it he told me that he recognized a number of familiar names. So from now on there'll be two of us looking forward to the next issue. . . ."

★ Date lined "Somewhere in the South Pacific," a recent letter from *Sgt. John D. Davis* says, ". . . you can tell all the fellows that we'll be home soon, even though it is a tough job. Over here in these jungles the Army tries hard to make it as comfortable for us as it can and after you are over here a while you really know what the whole this is about. Tell my friends in the service I'm sending them 'Lots of Luck' . . ."



THE ARMY IN THE AIR

"Vengeance Rides the Wind"

★ Out there in front where the beds the Germans left behind are still warm is *Gerald Custer, AAF*, "somewhere in France" . . . or maybe Germany by now. Jerry entered the Air Force April 2, 1943, and after training at Atlantic City and at Hammer Field, Calif., was sent across to England in March of this year. He's the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Custer of 23 West Goepf St. and a former Bethlehem Steel worker.

★ *Pvt. Donald Paul* has been taking a 16-week course of training at Truax Field, Wis. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Paul, 316 Laury St., he entered the service April 8 and received basic training at Keesler Field, Miss. His brother *Stanley* is in the Navy.

★ *Pvt. Norman Simpson* is stationed at Lincoln, Neb., having gone out there from Lowry Field, Colo., after a short furlough home to see his wife, the former *Katherine Paulus*, whom he married July 3, 1943, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. *Norman Simpson* of Main Street. *Norman* left for service July 7, 1943, and was first at Ft. Bliss, Texas, then at Lowry.

expects he will be sent to some distant point in the near future.

★ *Cpl. Albert W. Hoppes* has been "over the Hump." Everybody knows what the Hump is, for the exploits of the men of the Air Transport who fly that dangerous route from Burma across the Himalaya mountains to bases in China with munitions and men have been written up in every way, shape and form. *Hoppes*, son of *Robert R. Hoppes*, 831 Detweiler St., Hellertown, graduate of *Hellertown Hi* with the class of '41, and a student at *Kutztown S.T.C.*, enlisted in the AAF December 7, 1942, one year to the day after Pearl Harbor. He was called for duty January 26, 1943, and received his basic training and his first stripe at *Camp Lee, Va.* He was classified at *Miami Beach* and sent to *Grand Rapids, Mich.*, to weather observers' school. Upon graduation June 9, 1943, he was assigned to *Jackson Air Field* and there volunteered for service in China. Accepted, he was sent to *Seymour Johnson Field, Goldsboro, N. C.*, for final training. Early in September he left a west coast port.

For two months he tossed about on the ocean and on the 4th of November landed in India. Early in 1944 he flew the Hump after taking time out to recuperate in an Indian hospital from an attack of malaria. His promotion to corporal came after he arrived in China.

Cpl. Hoppes has learned Mandarin since his arrival in China and finds it a big help. He looks upon the Chinese as a friendly, persevering and vastly underestimated people and believes them destined for big things in the future of the world.

★ *Donald F. Hartzell*, son of Mr. and Mrs. *Paul T. Hartzell*, reported in a recent letter, July 9, to his parents, that he had been promoted to staff sergeant and had just completed his fiftieth Air Force mission from Italy.

"I am feeling mighty lucky to sit here and write this letter," the sergeant wrote. He added that with the completion of his fiftieth mission he



Norman Simpson



Wilbur Grube



Albert Hoppes



Donald Paul

★ *Pvt. Wilbur H. Grube* is in Ordnance camp at *Jackson, Miss.* He started out at *Miami Beach, Fla.*, September 5, 1942. He stayed there until April of 1943 and then was sent to *San Bernardino, Calif.* February of this year he was sent to the *Mississippi* post. Meanwhile, his wife, *Dorothy*, is living at 330 Franklin St.

★ *A/C John Glina*, in the Air Force since August 10, 1943, finds the outfit "just swell," we hear. He is at present at *Selman Field, La.*, taking in advanced navigation school.

★ *Cpl. John Hodges* is stationed at present at *Avon Park bombing range, Avon Park, Fla.* He is a waist gunner on a *Flying Fortress* and has been in service 13 months. He's the father of two fine boys who are often to be seen waiting for the bus on the corner by *Ye Ed's* house all togged out in uniforms, complete with wing insignia and looking mighty cute.

★ Now at *Oscoda Air Base, Oscoda, Mich.*, *S/Sgt. Jack DesRochers* is a veteran of 17 air missions over enemy territory. *Jack* is new to *Bethlehem* where his family belongs to the *North Side Presbyterian church*. He went overseas May 23, 1943, as senior radio operator of a *B-17* and took part in eight raids over Germany, five over France and Belgium and four diversion raids over France. On the 17th of August, 1943, he was shot down over *Schweinfurt, Germany*, but managed to make his way back to "home base" in company with *Ellis Klein* of *New London, Conn.* Now he's radio instructor at *Oscoda* on a *P-40* after the usual round of stops in the U. S., including *Atlantic City* and *Charleston Air Base*.

★ *Corp. Robert Feltault* is stuck away at a base weather station of the Army Airforce at *Abilene, Texas*. Some of his colleagues have left lately and he



Gerald Custer



Jack DesRochers



John Glina



Robert Feltault



Jack Hodges



Donald Hartzell



Earl Barthold

Ray Coffman

Edward Bauder

Carl Rice

Marvin Normington

Norman Hartzell

might expect a furlough home.

His record is considered particularly good because of the fact that he landed in Italy for service there no later than March 1. "I am sleeping for the last time in GI barracks tonight," he wrote. "Tomorrow I shall sleep in a hotel bed and eat restaurant food instead of at the mess hall."

Hartzell was inducted into service April 24, 1943, received basic training at Greensboro, N. C., and got his gunnery wings at Lowry Field, Colo. He was made sergeant at Langley Field, Va., where he was assigned to a B-24 bomber. He was lucky enough to get the above mentioned furlough and he more recently enjoyed a 21-day furlough. He has now returned to Florida.

★ The people of Denver, Colo., get a pat on the back, so to speak, from *Pvt. Edward Bauder*, who writes that he has been a visitor in that city on several occasions and found everyone friendly and hospitable. Bauder, son of Mrs. Dorothea Bauder, 1106 Main Street, left for New Cumberland June 15. From there he was sent to Buckley Field, Colo., where he is presently taking advanced basic training. He's a former LHS student and was employed by Bethlehem Fabricators.

★ *Ray W. Coffman*, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Coffman, 330 Hanover St., now is at Greenwood, Miss., with the AAF, which he entered last January 15. He is one of three brothers in uniform, the others being *Bill*, at Orlando Field, Orlando, Fla., and *Burton*, an air cadet at Stuttgart, Ark. Ray is a former active member of Nativity church, the YPF, and the church bowling club.

★ Somewhere in the South Pacific *Pvt. Earl F. Barthold*, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Barthold, 1118 Orchard St., is doing his bit. In the service since April 24, 1943, he received basic training at Greensboro, N. C., and further work at Scott Field, Ill., San Antonio, Texas, and Coffeyville, Kan.

★ *Lt. William G. Weiner*, veteran of the Flying Tigers and the famed 19th Bombardment group, is now at South Plains Army Air Field, Lubbock, Texas, largest advanced glider pilot training center in the nation.

★ *Pfc. Norman Hartzell* is stationed now at Lamoore, Calif., in training as a tail gunner in preparation for an overseas assignment. Norman graduated July 29 from gunnery school at Ft. Myers, Fla., receiving his silver wings and stripe. He recently enjoyed a visit with his parents at 225 West Greenwich St. on a 20-day delay enroute.

★ The Air Medal has been awarded *Lt. Carl F. Rice* for "meritorious achievement in accomplishing with distinction, aerial operational missions over enemy-occupied continental Europe," in the words of the accompanying citation. Lt. Rice is a member of one of the famous Air Force units and pilots a B-24 bomber. He received his commission Feb. 8 at Columbia, Miss., Air Base and his combat training at Westover Field, Westover, Mass. He's a member of College Hill Moravian church.

★ *Pvt. Robert Hartzell* spent a 15 day furlough with his parents recently. This has been his first furlough since he entered the service in 1943. Robert, a tail gunner, has lost some weight but it has made him very appealing, rumor says.

★ During September friends of *Cpl. John Godfrey, Jr.*, and his wife, *Margaret*, welcomed them home on a two week furlough from Childress, Texas. Aside from his regular duties at the field, Johnny gets time to be cartoonist for "Bomb Blast," weekly camp newspaper. Margaret is secretary to one of the officers at the field.

★ *Cpl. Robert "Reds" Bishop*, after 15 months in Alaska, is at Drew Field, Fla., doing special work with the Signal Corps.

★ *Pvt. Thomas F. Keim*, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rollin Keim, 1128 Monocacy St., and nephew of *Pfc. Curtis Keim*, is at present attending gunnery school at Yuma, Ariz., airfield and writes his folks he finds the work to his liking. A furlough this fall is in the wood (he hopes).

★ Whereabouts of *T/Sgt. Marvin H. Normington*, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Normington, formerly of Prospect and 1st Avenues, is not known,

but it is believed he is somewhere overseas. He was home on furlough in August and expected a new assignment then. He entered the service April 21, 1943, basic trained at Miami Beach, Fla., was sent after four months to armorer school, Lowry Field, Texas. There he stayed for three more months, then was sent to Harlingen Field, where he graduated as a gunner January 1. He rounded out his training by taking three months more in combat crew training at Casper, Wyo., and photo reconnaissance and gunnery at Will Rogers Field, Okla., on a B-24.

MORE LETTERS

★ When *Pvt. Gerald Werkheiser* wrote he was still in England, although D-Day had taken place. Said he "I have been stationed in England since November 1943 and find it a very pleasant place. The English are a pleasant people, too. They have gone through an awful lot. You have to give them plenty of credit. I have seen a number of ancient cathedrals which I found very interesting. The climate is different from ours. I am with a Quartermaster outfit and like it very much. I didn't get to go with the rest of the boys in the invasion, but would like to have gone."

★ A complaint aired in a letter from *Corp. W. H. DiMenichi, U.S.M.C.*, concerns the fact that in all his time in the South Pacific he has only seen two girls, no more, either white or black! "I see where most of the fellows written up in Stars can't wait to get home. You can put me in the same boat . . . I have a younger brother, Kenneth, in the Marines. I have been wondering if he is getting Stars. . . ." He should be if he is on your church mailing list.

★ Dated June 28, 7:30 p. m. "somewhere in France," a letter from *Pvt. Eugene Novak* says, "Those boys back in the states sure have the life! They better learn as much as they can. We sure have the Jerries on the run. All I can say is, it isn't pleasant sleeping in a hole full of water!" Amen to that, 'Gene. It's bad enough having the roof leak.



THE ARMY ON FOREIGN SOIL

"Berlin Next Stop!"

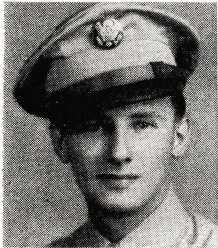
★ Celebrating a birthday at sea on the way to a battle zone was the lot of *Pvt. William C. Bauer, Jr.*, whose family lives at 742 Dellwood St. Bill was in mid-ocean March 2 when the natal day dawned. He was inducted July 7, 1943, and spent the first days of his Army life at Camp Grant, Ill., in the Medical Division. Three months later he went to Ft. Devens, Mass., and then to Camp Edwards, from whence he went overseas. Now he's in France, after a stay in England.

★ Late news of *Pvt. Paul I. Yergey*, attached to a Quartermaster unit, has him still in Italy, where he has been since last November. Paul is the son of Rev. and Mrs. Yergey of St. Luke's Evangelical church. He entered the service June 11, 1942, at Ft. Bragg, N. C., and was moved from there to Ft. Meade, Md., from where he was shipped overseas to Africa in December of '42.

★ Recent word of *Adelbert Ellis*, overseas for the past year and a half, is that he is now a corporal. He's a driver of a "Duck" and attached to the Quartermaster Corps. Last May on the Anzio beachhead he was wounded and received the Purple Heart.

★ *Pfc. Richard E. Hoffman*, serving now with a Civil Affairs unit in the dental department, is in England . . . or was when this was written. He has been in the Army since Dec. 5, 1942 and was first at Ft. George G. Meade, Md., and at the station hospital on the post for 15 months. Then he went to Camp Reynolds to prepare for overseas duty. He left April of this year. Mrs. Hoffman keeps the home fires burning at 529 Spring St.

★ *Pfc. William T. Richards Jr.*, son of Mr. and Mrs. William T. Richards, Sr., 1222 Center Street, is a member of St. Matthews Lutheran Church and at the present time is attached to an Infantry Division "somewhere in England."



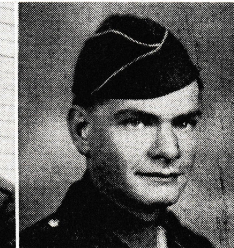
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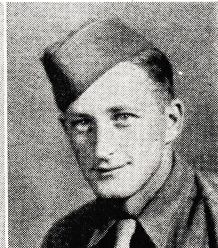
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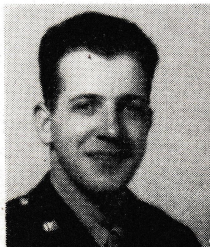
★ Stars has had too little to say, perhaps, of the U. S. Engineers. Maybe that's because the Engineers have so little time to say much about themselves, for the news of their doings is sparse like the hair on a bald man's head. But here's a word or two about *Pfc. Robert G. Frey*, member of that famous outfit which, in the World War 1 sang about a certain Mlle. from Armentieres, "went over the top" and couldn't stop. Bob, son of Mr. and Mrs. William D. Frey, 614 North Hoffert St., was 20 on August 14. He joined the Army May 14, 1943, and when he had been a year in service was in England. He'd had eight months of training in Ireland and, with millions of other lads, was waiting for the jump-off into France. Now, Bob is in France with his comrades building so that the Allied armies can carry their might swiftly to the kill.

★ *T/Sgt. Russell K. Minnich*, husband of Alice Seibert Minnich, has now spent 25 months of Army life overseas. He received his basic training in the Signal Corps at Fort Monmouth, N. J. From there he was sent to Camp Bowie, Texas, and also to school at St. Louis, Mo. Russell has covered quite some territory, having started in England and on down to Italy. He served in four major campaigns, North Africa, Tunisia, Sicily and now Italy. Letters are received from him quite frequently, telling of his tours and interesting sights. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. T. Minnich, Linden Street.

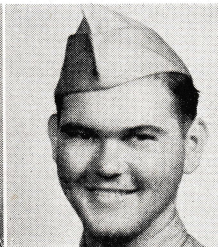
★ *Sgt. Albert W. Snyder*, who at one time helped turn out fighting planes in a Cleveland, Ohio, factory, is now overseas. His wife and infant daughter, Donna Jean, are living in the Ohio city. Albert is the son of Mrs. Katherine Snyder, Bethlehem R.D. 3.

★ Latest word of *Pvt. Dick Ackerman* had him in southern France with the airborne troops. Dick has been overseas over eight months, serving in Africa, Italy and France and has been in four major battles. He recently passed his twentieth birthday, his second since going into the service. He's the son of Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Ackerman, 314 East Union St. and member of Salem Lutheran church and choir.

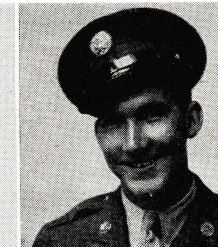
★ Very latest word of *Pfc. Charles Deininger*, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Deininger, 740 Pawnee St., comes from London where he is, among other things, playing in Joe Gilly's orchestra. Joe is another Bethlehem lad and Charles used to play for him back home. Charles at one time was crucifer for Nativity church choir. He's a graduate of Liberty Hi and Bethlehem Business college.



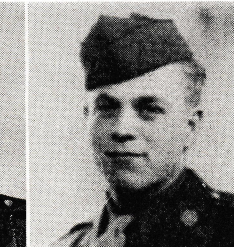
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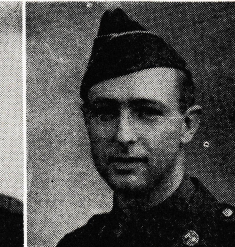
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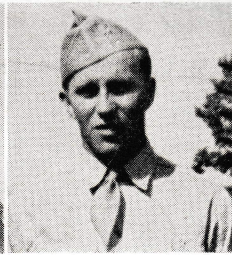
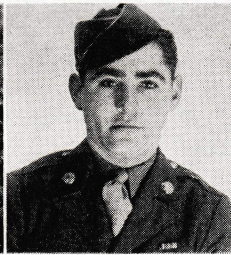
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★ Friends of *T/4 Raymond W. Hinkle*, son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Hinkle, 431 Montclair Ave., are hoping for his safe return from the battle-grounds of France. Raymond joined the "Engineers with hairy ears" March 15, 1941. His first post was Ft. Meade, Md. Later he went to Ft. Belvoir, Va., and then was at Ft. Jackson, S. C. He left there March 9, 1942, for overseas duty, landing in Africa for the fracas there and where he stayed for about a year. Later he went to England and now, at last report, he was in France with the invasion forces. The picture was taken in Africa.

★ *Pfc. Carl Musgnung* has been close to two years in the Army. Now he's across the water. Son of Charles Musgnung, he formerly was employed by the New York Central railroad. While in Bethlehem he lived with cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Morlock, 1348 East Fifth St.

★ *Cpl. Dallas S. Kohl* has recently been cited by his commanding general in France for performing his duties in an outstanding manner. Dallas is one of four sons of Mr. and Mrs. Royal L. Kohl, 1413 Cortland St., in the armed forces. He entered the Army February 6, 1943, and was sent to Vancouver Barracks, Washington. He's been overseas one year.

★ *Pvt. Grover Woodring*, son of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Woodring, Hellertown, is recuperating in an Army hospital in Italy from wounds sustained during the Italian campaign. Grover has been serving with the Infantry and his injury was sustained June 28. He and his wife, the former Vivian Palmer, whom he married June 20, 1936, are the parents of a daughter, Diane. Diane will be two in December. Her daddy has been a soldier since September 14, 1943.

★ From *Pfc. Alan A. Fulmer*, now in the New Guinea area as company clerk with the airborne engineers, comes word that he is finding it easy to purchase all kinds of tropical fruits, such as bananas and lemons, all tree ripened. He says the natives are friendly and cooperative. Alan is the nephew of Mr. and Mrs. Homer C. Lerch, Hellertown. He received his basic training at Atlantic City, further training at Pawling, N. Y., Westover Field, Mass., Mitchell Field, N. Y., and Sedalia Field, Mo. He enlisted in November, 1942, and was called to active duty March, 1943. He is a member of Christ Lutheran church in Hellertown, a graduate of Hellertown Hi and a former employee of Bethlehem Steel Company.

★ After two years abroad, *Major Donald Oskin* has returned to this country to attend gunnery school in Texas. For a time he was on General Doolittle's staff and has been stationed at an Air Force headquarters in Italy. He went through the invasion of Africa, has flown to England on a number of occasions and was at Bari when the Germans blitzed the town in a surprise raid. There's a little black Cocker spaniel waiting for him in Italy.

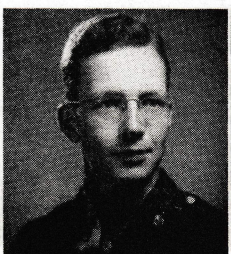
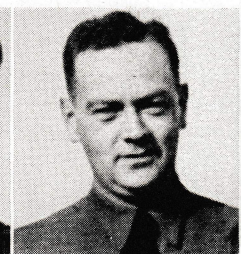
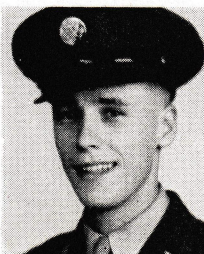
★ A recent V-mail letter to Owen Kurtz, Stars' reporter and booster at Bethany Evangelical and Reformed church, from *Pvt. Clifford P. Whitesell* remarks that he is now in France "with a few other Americans." Cliff entered the service January 19, 1943, and was sent to Fort Eustis, Va., where he spent a year studying various forms of aircraft detection. He went from there to Camp Edwards, Mass., and Camp Pickett, Va. He was sent overseas in February from Camp Kilmer, N. J.

★ According to recent word, *Cpl. William F. Erwin*, member of a medical battalion, is now attached to an Infantry unit in France. He has been in the service since March 26, 1941, training first at Camp Croft, S. C., until June of '41. He was sent to Indiantown Gap until January, 1942, and then spent a year at Camp Livingston, La. He next stopped at Camp Pickett, Va., going from there overseas in September of 1943. He is the brother of George H. Erwin, 1848 Paul Avenue. His wife, Alma, is living in Allentown.

★ The beauty of the English countryside has not been exaggerated, according to *Lt. James E. Ray*, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Ray, 1103 Raymond Avenue, but, he says, you have to look out for the English summers or you may miss them altogether. Lt. Ray, who has been serving overseas since February, has been in the Army since June of 1942.

★ Stars is informed that *Cpl. Marvin Cook* and *Pvt. Austin Cook*, sons of Mr. and Mrs. George F. Cook, 144 Madison St., Freemansburg, are both in the European theatre of war. Marvin is in France, Austin in Italy. Austin was inducted January 11 and received his basic training at Ft. McClellan, Ala. He enjoyed a 14-day furlough prior to going across. He is a graduate of Tech Hi, a former Steel company worker and both boys are members of the Church of the Nazarene.

★ *Pfc. William D. Smith* is still located in Greenland. He now owns quite an interesting collection of pictures of that country and its natives. Billy writes back that wind is super terrific at times; in fact, to get around one must crawl on all fours. Located in Greenland is more like a vacation to him but he is anxious to get back home soon.



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ARMY OVERSEAS---continued

★ Our notes on *Pvt. Elvin E. Shook* remark that he used to be mighty fond of fishing and hunting and was a regular visitor to the Poconos as soon as deer season opened, regardless of the weather. Often, we learn, he had to wade the swollen streams to get back to camp. Well, Elvin, son of Oscar E. Shook, Sr., 45 East Ettwein St., should be getting his fill of hunting these days—hunting Jerries. He is overseas with an amphibian outfit. He is an Army sailor, having gone to amphibian training school at Camp Gordon Johnston, Fla., and later to navigation school. August 1 he was given his New York APO.

★ Another of "Pop" Shields' Nativity choir boys who is doing right well in Uncle Sam's uniform is *Frederick C. Kline*, now across the seas with an Army band. Fred graduated at LHS in '38, studied at Valley Forge Military Academy, graduating from Junior college in May, 1940, and in August enlisted in the 213th Regiment (First Defenders). In September the regiment was Federalized and Fred went along to the various training sites, finally transferring to Norfolk, Va., and thence "across."

★ *Pfc. Vincent Tiboldt, Jr.*, R. D. 1, Hellertown, is overseas putting the bee on Jerry. He was inducted January 20, 1943, sent to Camp Tyson, Tenn., and then to Camp Maxey, Texas, and thence overseas. He's married to the former Gladys Woodring.

★ *Dale Groman* is now in a replacement company in Italy. He lives in an apple orchard, swims in the Mediterranean and loves to get letters. In a recent letter home he told his mother of a surprise he has for her, but the denouement is not yet.

★ *Arnold Brunnabend*, son of Mr. and Mrs. Werner Brunnabend and husband of the former Evelyn Gehman, is the daddy of a son whom he has not seen. Arnold is a member of Holy Trinity Lutheran and had been employed by the Fabricators.

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★ A happy reunion of father and son was that of *Lt. Col. L. V. Bewley* and his son, *Pvt. R. L. Bewley*, "somewhere in France."

★ Mostly the story has been of lone Bethlehem lads stationed afar from anyone from the old home town, but *Pvt. Norman Kincaid*, whom he first arrived in Africa, met 14 others who claim Bethlehem as home. Now he is in Italy. Let's hope other localities are in the vicinity. Norman, son of Mrs. Anna Kincaid, 1430 High St., was inducted October 18, 1943, and received his basic training at Camp Wheeler, Ga. After a 15-day furlough he was sent overseas.

★ Word has been received from *Pfc. John Jaxheimer, Jr.*, that he has landed safely in France. Good luck, John, and good 'untin'!

★ *Pvt. Russell Stocker* was awarded the Order of the Purple Heart for injuries received during fighting in Italy. After hospitalization of several months he is now back in action.

★ *Lt. Gordon Wavrek* recently changed his shoulder bars from gold to silver and was chosen by the enlisted men at his post as a member of the All-Star baseball team. Nice work, Gordon! He is at present in Iran (Persia) and has spent 20 months or more overseas.

★ Overseas has gone *Pvt. Andrew Wida*, who writes that he is eager to take the next step, from England to the Continent, in his Grand Tour. It seems that Army and Navy both can now say, "Join up and see the world." Andrew writes often to friends and pastor of St. John's Slovak Lutheran church.

★ Word from *James Bucchin* to his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. James Bucchin, Sr., 246 East North St., indicates that he is now staff sergeant, the advancement coming August 15th "somewhere in England." Continued good luck, Jim!

★ *Logan Mills* was in the first heavy fighting in Normandy.

★ Friends of *Charles D. Hagey* in the congregation of Fritz Memorial church are talking proudly of Charles these days, for he has won the Bronze Star medal for gallantry. News of his award was received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hagey, 471 Montclair Ave., in a clipping from the Army newspaper, Stars and Stripes. The young Bethlehem soldier was one of a party of nine scouts from a reconnaissance unit who went through enemy fire to save a surrounded battalion "somewhere in France." Bravo, soldier!

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★ A word of appreciation for Stars in the Service is contained in a letter to DeWitt Groves from *Cpl. Chester R. Rowlett*, who is in Italy. Stars extends sympathy to Corporal Rowlett in his recent bereavement of his father, Robert L. Rowlett, a respected citizen of Bethlehem and a faithful member of the Second Baptist church, who died September 4th.

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★ *Pvt. Oliver J. Longaberger*, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles O. Longaberger, 230 Washington Ave., has been studying to be a medical technician at O'Reilly General Hospital, Springfield, Mo. Oliver was inducted January 18 and was first at Camp Berkeley, Texas, where he was assigned to the Medical Corps. Upon completion of his work at O'Reilly, he expected to return to Berkeley. He had previously been employed by the Bethlehem Steel as a machine hand in No. 2 shop. He's a member of Emmanuel Evangelical - Congregational church and was active in many of its organizations. A year ago—Sept. 26, 1943—he married Minnie L. Savitz, who is living at 10 West Union Blvd.



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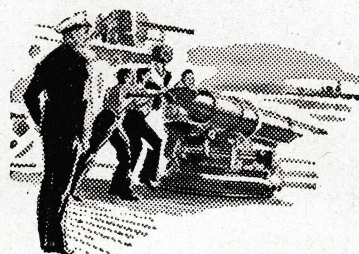
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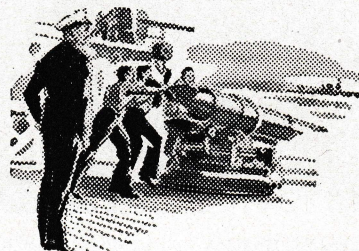
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★ *Corp. James O. Newhart* is stationed at Fort Bragg, N. C., training new recruits for the U. S. Army. He hopes there won't be much need training new men in the near future. His wife resides at 1418 Montrose Ave.

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★ *Pvt. Milan J. Kralik*, son of Mrs. Mary Kralik, of 652 Hayes St., entered the army in February. Three days before entering the service he was married to Dorothy LeVan. Milan is stationed at Fort Washington, Md., and enjoys army life, but would rather be home with his wife. Prior to entering the service he was employed in the Main Office of the Bethlehem Steel Co.

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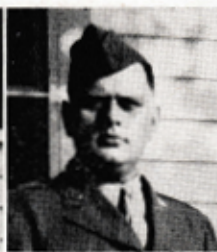
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★ *Lieut. Robert E. Eastright* graduated from Blair Academy and Princeton university and was in the employ of a New York advertising firm at the time of his induction into the armed forces in July, 1942. He received his basic training at Camp Lee, Va., in the Quartermasters Corp, was commissioned in January, 1943, and advanced to first lieutenant in December, 1943.

In May, 1944, he was transferred to the Special Service Forces, Entertainment Section, in New York City, where he is now located.

During Bob's assignment at Camp Lee he attended the Army Special Service School at Washington and Lee University and as Regimental Special Service Officer wrote and produced "Bunk Fatigue," a weekly broadcast for service men over Radio Station WRNY.

Early this year he was married to Miss Patricia R. Squire of Emporia, Va., the wedding taking place in the Camp Lee Chapel.



Michael Kralick

Robert Repsher

James Newhart

John Savitz

Eugene Kunsman

George Vandoren



Harold Jackson



Paul Kellar



Chas. Youngblood



James Hobar



George Kaufman



Earl Miller

★ *George W. VanDoren*, recently transferred to Camp Shelby, Mississippi, is now with the Medical Detachment of the 114th Evacuation Hospital. George is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles VanDoren of 735 Second Avenue. Before entering the service, he was employed in the yellow oxide plant of Reichard-Coulston and resided at 1319 Broadway with his wife, the former Annamae Barr. George writes that he's looking forward to B. H. S. coming through with flying colors in football this year.

★ *Sgt. George Francis Kaufman*, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Kaufman, 430 Montclair Ave., has been promoted to the rank of sergeant. He was inducted April 3, 1943, and received his basic training at Fort Lewis Washington. February 17th he was sent to Camp McCoy, Wisc., where he is currently stationed with a unit of combat engineers. Graduate of Catholic High, before induction he was employed in the armor treatment division of the Bethlehem Steel Co.

★ "Rip" Wear, please note.—*Pvt. Lester Feist* is a booster for Wild Creek water. On a recent broadcast he remarked, "Army life is a fine experience for any man, but there is no place like good old Bethlehem and the first thing a man wants when he returns, after seeing his wife and children, is a glass of Bethlehem's excellent water." *Pvt. Feist* entered the Army June 15 and arrived at Camp Wheeler, Ga., June 24. He left behind his wife, Mary Amelia, and two children, Leonard and Albert.

★ *Charles Youngblood* writes to his friends and family that all is well with him. A year ago, in Nashville, Tenn., he married *Laura Draper*. A few weeks ago *Dianna*, their six-pound daughter, arrived in the world. Charles is at Camp Atterbury, Ind.

★ *Pvt. Frank Andrew Graser*, son of Mrs. Charles Graser, 1835 Rennick St., is with Infantry Medical Detachment at present stationed at Fort Jackson, So. Carolina.

★ *Earl Miller*, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Miller, formerly with Kurtz Bros. is in the armed forces.

★ *Robert Jones*, son of Mr. and Mrs. Al. Jones, Chelsea Ave., is in the armed forces. Miller and Jones are Holy Trinity members.

★ Overseas from January 20, 1942, until April 8, 1943, *Pfc. Raymond Ramson*, son of Mr. and Mrs. Norval K. Ramson, 912 North Bergen St., is now at Ft. Bliss, Texas, station hospital. Raymond left for service October 13, 1941, and was sent to Fort Houston, Va. He then went overseas, first to Australia, then to New Caladonia, then to Guadalcanal and at last to Savo Island. Upon his return to the U. S. he spent a 21-day furlough with his family and was then sent to Camp Wheeler, Ga. Afterwards he went to El Paso, Texas, and then to Ft. Bliss.

★ *Leonard Gross*, a holder of medals for sharp shooting and skill in machine gun, is now at Ft. Meade, Md. He entered the service in March and completed basic training at Camp Blanding, Fla.

★ When last reported, *Frank Zsilavec* was at Ft. Meade, Md., awaiting orders. He's probably sailed by now. Frank has been in service since November 16, 1943.

★ *Pvt. Eugene Kunsman*, member of College Hill church, is at O'Reilly General Hospital, Springfield, Mo., studying to be a dental technician. He was inducted into the Army March 25 and assigned to the Medical Corps at Camp Barkeley, Texas, for his basic training.

★ Latest word of *James M. Hobar*, instructor at Ft. Bragg, N. C., is that he is awaiting orders to report to O.C.S. He entered the service February 2 and trained at Ft. Bragg. He is married to the former Kathryn Lyon and they are the parents of a 14-month son. Jim is a former B. S. Co. employee. There's a star in Nativity's service flag for him.

★ "The service is an education to me," writes *Cpl. James L. Stalworth* from Camp Livingston, La. "I am in to stay until we win," he says.

★ Twenty-two months of overseas service in Africa, Sicily and Italy is the record of *Sgt. Albert Knauss*, former Bethlehem man and one-time member of the 213th Regiment, AA. Knauss, who is now at Headquarters Detachment and Replacement center, Brooklyn, N. Y., returned to this country July 13 and spent a 21-day furlough with his family in Allentown. August 3 he was assigned to Brooklyn. When he lived here he worked for Pettinos Bros.

★ Camp Polk, La., is the latest location of *Sgt. Harold J. Hottenstein*, who entered the Field Artillery April 13, 1941. The sergeant was sent to Polk from Ft. Sill, Okla., January of 1944. He had received his basic training at Ft. Bragg, N. C., and was there until November of 1943, moving on to Sill at that time. He and his wife, the former Frieda I. Wolfe, have a year-old son.

★ *S/Sgt. Arthur Andrews*, after two strenuous years of Army life, including service in North Africa, Italy and Corsica, is enjoying a well-earned rest at his home, 1122 Center St. He is a veteran of National Guard service, too. Overseas he was a member of an engineering aviation battalion. College Hill is his church.



Frank Graser



Robert Jones



Raymond Ransom



Leonard Gross



Lester Feist



Frank Zsilavec



Curtis Keim



Phillip Sabatino



Emos Keller, Jr.



Kenneth Helms



Edward Marcel



Donald Stahl

★ Trust a Yank to gravitate naturally to those things he likes best no matter where he may be. *Pfc. Curtis Keim* is no exception, it seems. A music lover and a musician, he writes from England that he has had a number of opportunities to hear some fine music. Londoners "carry on." Curt is the son of Mrs. Elizabeth Keim, 1128 Monocacy St. and a popular member of College Hill church.

★ "Dot and Dash" *Pvt. Phillip A. Sabatino Jr.*, son of Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Sabatino of 1022 Cherokee St., entered the service in April and received his basic training at Kessler Field, Miss. He was then transferred to radio school in Sioux Falls, S. D. Phil enjoys army life a great deal and doesn't mind studying a bit. He thinks it's quite different than studying at Fountain Hill Hi. He is going to make an effort to bang out the "dots and dashes" as well as he can beat those drums of his.

★ Latest news of *Pvt. Emos Keeler, Jr.*, places him at Magnolia Beach, Tex., where he is on duty at Indianola firing range. He's the son of Mr. and Mrs. Emos Keeler, Coopersburg, and a former steel worker and employee of Brown-Borhek.

★ *Pfc. Donald K. Stahl*, who was inducted March 25 and trained at Kessler Field, Miss., was graduated September 2 from gunnery school at Tyndall Field, Fla. He is the son of Mrs. Helen Stahl, 131 East Garrison St. and husband of the former Marion Wesner, 731 Centre St. Both are active members of Emmanuel church.

★ *Pvt. Benson Hartney*, who recently spent a twelve-day furlough at home, has returned to Camp Davis, N. C., where he has completed a course in searchlight technique.



Albert Rudgowski



Franklin Flore

★ Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo., is the present address of *Pfc. Kenneth Helms*, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Helms, 235 Crest Ave., who has been in the Army 17 months. Known to his friends as "Butch," he is a Liberty Hi grad., class of '42, and had been employed by the Barrett Co. He's a member of Christ Reformed church, Hellertown.

★ A 30-day furlough recently was the good fortune of *Coxswain Harold M. Long*, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Long, Green St., Freemansburg. "Longie" participated in invasion landings in North Africa, Sicily and France and has seen a good share of hot action, being in on the initial Sicily and France pushes. He reported Sept. 11 to Norfolk, Va., for reassignment. He's been in the Navy since December 4, 1942.

★ *Pvt. Fred Knouss*, stationed at Camp Mackall, is a glider instructor and travels from camp to camp in the course of his instruction.

★ *Charles Cleveland* has recently been advanced to the rank of first lieutenant. He is at present stationed at the Halloran Army Hospital in Staten Island.

★ A corporal now is *Joseph F. Berden*, 22, son of Mrs. Philip Sarkozy and the late Steven Berden. Joe was inducted December 5, 1942, and is now in France with a truck regiment. He was home in July for a seven-day furlough.

★ *Pvt. Edward Marcel* is back in the U. S. with injuries to his left hand, sustained while in Italy. This is the second time Ed has been wounded, the first time being in North Africa. He is improving steadily and is looking forward to getting home soon, bringing his wife, the former Nita Kline of Shelby, N. C., along. They were married December 16, 1942. Ed writes his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Marcel, 410 Pawnee St., that he is looking forward to bowling with the Nativity keglers some day soon.

★ *Cpl. A. Radgowski*, former Steel company worker, is now across the sea with a San Francisco APO.

★ *Lt. Richard R. Wily* recently spent a 10-day leave at home, coming from Camp Breckenridge, Ky. While here he managed to get in visits to most of his friends before leaving for Camp Bowie, Texas.

★ *Pfc. William "Mike" Brown* is a patient in Tilton General hospital, Ft. Dix, N. J., with injuries sustained somewhere overseas. He is improving nicely. This is the third time he has been wounded. Mike is the son of Mrs. Silas Brown, 1008 Cherokee St. and a former member of Nativity church's quintet.

★ *Sgt. Norwood Wagner* has been sightseeing in the "Eternal City," Rome. He visited St. Peter's and was present at an informal audience with Pope Pius P. P. XII. He also visited the Colosseum and other points of interest.

★ *Lt. Charles Foulsham* was a recent visitor-on-leave in Bethlehem, coming from Nashville, Tenn., to see family and friends.

★ *Sgt. Julius Ozdinec* manages a visit home now and then, to the gratification of his pretty wife.

★ *Sylvester (Bud) Wimley* is home from India for a 21-day furlough after two and one-half years service there. Bud finds himself much wiser than when he went away. He looks forward to going back some day to help finish off the Nips.

★ From *Ernest Enix* out in San Bernardino, Calif., comes word that he is "in it for better or worse." Ernest says "thanks" for Stars.

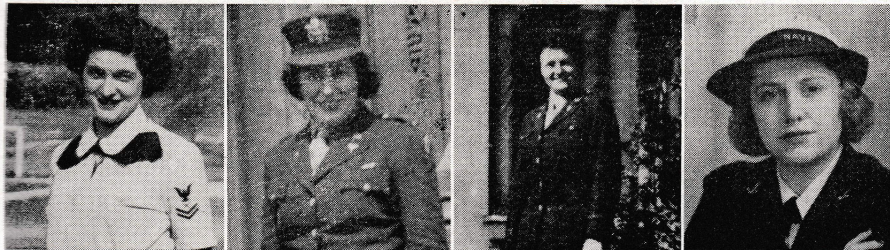
★ *Pvt. J. A. Lanier*, North Camp Hood, Texas, son of Mrs. Bettie Lanier, 804 East 3rd St., finds it's teamwork that counts in the army.

★ While visiting at his home *Sgt. Lawrence Anthes* spent an unexpected extension of time at St. Luke's Hospital. He has recovered very nicely from an appendectomy.

★ *Pvt. Morris Brunner, Jr.*, son of Mr. and Mrs. Morris Brunner, 250 East Union Blvd., is back in the U. S. with wounds sustained after six months in action overseas. He holds the Purple Heart and is the only member of Emmanuel Evangelical church to do so.

WOMEN IN THE SERVICES

"Every Lass Lets A Fighter Fight"



Mae Moyer

Elizabeth Heffner

Olive Mills

Dot VanAllen

★ *Mae E. Moyer, Y 3/c, WAVES*, is stationed in the nation's capital on duty with the Navy department. Mae enlisted April 20, 1942, and underwent indoctrination at Hunter college, N. Y., for six weeks. Next stop was Stillwater, Okla., where she spent two and one-half months. Before she joined the Navy she was employed by the Navy department at Bethlehem Steel. Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Moyer of Womelsdorf, she resided with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kemp Smith, 612 Pawnee St., while working in this city.

★ *Dorothy VanAllen* only has a couple of months to go to chalk up a year in service with the WAVES. She enlisted November 4, 1943. Now she's a petty officer 3rd class and secretary at staff headquarters, Philadelphia Navy Yard. Dorothy is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Van Allen, 507 West Union Boulevard, and a member of Christ E-R church. She spent her first Navy days at Hunter College, N. Y. City, and after that was at Cedar Falls, Ia.

★ *Lt. Elizabeth M. Heffner, A. N. C.*, is serving her country in a hospital in England. She has been across since March. Lt. Heffner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Heffner and a member of Rosemont church; joined the Corps in March of '43 and was stationed at Camp Lee, Va., for ten and one-half months. She is a graduate of Liberty High, the Lutheran Bible Institute of Minneapolis, Minn., and the Allentown General hospital.

★ *Olive Mills*, sister of Logan Mills, is with the WAC in Africa.

★ *Cpl. Laura I. Richter, WAC*, is now in England with the Air Service command on special assignment at an American air base.

★ *Melva Becker* has joined the WAVES and is now at Oklahoma A & M college, Stillwater, Okla., for basic training. Her brother Ralph is in the Navy, whereabouts unknown.

★ *Adele Yaniga, S 1/c* in the WAVES, younger sister of Leatherneck John and Army-man Stephen, is at Quonset Pt., R. I., Naval air station.

★ *Miss Mildred Hottle*, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Victor Hottle, Freemansburg, left August 21 for Nurse cadet training at Franklin Square, Baltimore, Md. A graduate of Liberty Hi, she was in the employ of Bethlehem Steel before enlistment. She was also a member of the Polly Booster class and the organist for Trinity E-C church, Freemansburg.

★ *Gertrude Hillegas*, sister of Pfc. Walter Hillegas and Pfc. William Hillegas, has joined the WAC and is now at Ft. Oglethorpe, Ga., training. She makes the third member of the family of Mr. and Mrs. Linford Hillegas, 434 Cherokee St., to enter the service. Walter has been in New Guinea for the past 19 months and Bill has seen two years of service in North Africa, Sicily, Italy and now, Southern France.

★ *Beatrice J. Frankenfield, A. N. C.*, has been advanced to the rank of first lieutenant, her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Frankenfield, 1022 Center St., have been informed. Lt. Frankenfield is at Camp Pickett, Va.

★ *Lieut. Eleanor Roman*, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John E. Roman, Gauff's Hill, was home recently for 15 days on her first leave since entering the Army Nurse Corps March 8, 1941. Lieut. Roman has been ministering to the wounded at a Station Hospital in England for the past year. She expected to return to England at the end of her visit home.

THE MELTING POT

★ Since the last issue of Stars, six stars have been added to the service flag in St. Marks Lutheran church. Those who left recently are: *Phillip Sabatino, Lester Himmelwright Jr., Clarence Jacoby, Donald Himmelwright, Kenneth Pittinger* and *Lenard Edwards*.

★ *Pvt. Joseph Albert* has completed his basic training at Sheppard Field, Texas, and is now receiving further instruction in mechanics.

★ *Lea Arnold*, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lea Arnold, Sr., 622 Linden St., has been advanced to sergeant. He is a member of a Signal Company and has been in France since the first of July and before that in England for nine months. He's a member of Salem Lutheran church.

★ *Pfc. Frank Dutt* is enlarging his knowledge of aerial gunnery at Charleston, S. C., airfield where he is assigned as assistant radioman of a B-24 bomber crew. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Willard Dutt, 424 East Laurel St., he is a graduate of the Air Forces flexible gunnery school, Laredo, Texas, and a member of the AAF training command. He received his wings at Laredo.

★ *Wilbur Benner*, 329 West Street, home on furlough recently, reported that there was always a "waiting list" of at least five of his buddies who wanted to read Stars in the Service, and The Link, the latter a magazine he receives from his church, West Side Moravian.

★ If anyone doubts that Stars "gets around," read this letter from *Lieut. J. H. Heller*, sent air mail from somewhere below the equator (presumably). "I have been receiving Stars regularly ever since the first issue. Wherever I've been it's followed me. . . ."

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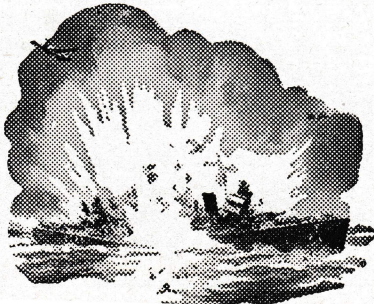
MORE LETTERS

★ Here's a letter from *Pvt. Douglass S. Stauffer*, stationed at Camp Wheeler, Ga., written to Mrs. Raymond Grant of St. John's Evangelical church, the kind of letter we like to hear of. "Thanks a million," he writes. "Sure was good to read about the guys and gals from Bethlehem. I showed it to quite a few fellows from all over the country and they all thought it was swell. I really don't know of any town, large or small that has anything like it. Bethlehem can be proud of such a magazine. Sure makes a fellow feel good to read it. Sort of brings him closer to his friends." Lest we seem too modest, he's writing about Stars, and such enthusiastic praise is pretty good compensation, don't you think?

★ *Donald Vollman* enclosed a picture of himself and *Lewis Luther* in his letter with the request that we print it. We owe Don an apology for, by an oversight, the picture was mislaid and not found until too late for this issue. However, we'll surely have it in if Stars continues to be published.

"We have been in the Navy together since February, 1943, and have been receiving Stars up till November of '43. Since that time we've just had to do without it. (Let us know what church service roster you're on, Don, and perhaps we can straighten out the mailing.) We left the States in '43. . . . Two other Bethlehem boys are aboard, Don Romig and Mike Petrosky, all since commissioning."

★ The thanks of *Sgt. Geza Gergar* to all who have had a hand in making Stars possible is contained in a letter from overseas in the Southwest Pacific. "Army life over here is just what one would expect anywhere overseas," he says. "I am sergeant in the construction Engineers and proud to be a member of the outfit. My brother, *Cpl. Steve Gergar*, is in the Marine Air Corps as a radioman-navigator. He is on his way back to the States as he's spent a lot of time over here and has a 30 day furlough coming when he arrives. (That was about June 28th)). New Guinea isn't as bad as some people might imagine. . . ."



MELTING POT

★ *Sgt. William Poczak*, of Freemansburg, has been reported seriously wounded in action in France. The misfortune occurred September 18, according to War Department information supplied to Mrs. G. Hartzell, 23 West Goepf Street, sister of the young man.

★ How a U. S. Marine patrol led by a Bethlehem officer, *Lieut. Dale Chamberlain*, 804 West Market Street, blasted Jap snipers from caves during action in the Mariana islands is described in a report from Tinian carried recently in the Globe-Times.

Three Marine corporals were in the unit which Lieut. Chamberlain

led and two of them came out of the action with souvenirs in the shape of Samurai swords, worn only by high caste Japanese officers. Enemy internees led the Marines to caves where the Japs had hidden themselves. Some of the dugouts were well nigh invisible, they were so well camouflaged.

The Nipponese refused demands that they surrender so the Marines proceeded to dig them out. One of the enemy exposed a foot, which was promptly shot off. Hand grenades finished the job. Two Japs were found nearby, suicides.

Bodies of three Japanese soldiers were seen lying on their backs on a nearby ledge. Suspecting a ruse, the Marine group fired at them and the three "bodies" jumped up to run. They were cut down by Yank fire.



Sports Gossip

If any of you fellows are inclined to tuck the old 12-gauge under the arm and bag a duck or two, you'll be happy to learn that the State Game Commission says there will be plenty of wild fowl. An extension of the legal shooting season by ten days and a liberalized bag limit is announced. If you see one, you may try your skill on Mallard, Pintail and Widgeon (we used to think a widgeon was something like a gadget, but now believe it's widget we've been thinking of—and there's no season on gadgets or widgets).

Of course, if you are up to your boot tops in French or Belgian mud or South Pacific jungle you may not be able to enjoy duck hunting. But there's bigger game in the woods.

LHS soccer team garnered its second straight victory of the season

October 11 when it took Blair Academy into camp on the latter's field, 3 to 1. As in its opener, the home team came from behind to win. Playing with Blair this year is Bob Bader, Bethlehem, left halfback.

Liberty High Eleven is hard hit just now with injuries to some of the best of its boys. Latest casualty is Bill Wash, halfback, who received a bad knock to his right shoulder in the game with John Harris Saturday the 7th. Bill had a troublesome left shoulder last year, but it had cleared. Now he's nursing the other.

Eddie Flynn, quarterback, had appendicitis the day after school opened. George Fritchman injured his back and was not expected to meet Pottsville on the 14th.



Of interest to Keglers: Mike's Auto Glass this week (October 9-14) scored the only shut-out in the Supreme League for the week, downing the Palace Theatre quintet. "Mike" Mish, sponsor of Auto G., paced his mates with a 590. Royal Restaurant and Coleman's furniture are tied for tops in the circuit with 15 each.

12-0, that's the score which brought the Red Hurricane of Bethlehem Hi victory over John Harris. Held scoreless throughout the early portion of the game, the local lads turned on the heat to keep their unbeaten record untarnished in the game played here on Liberty's home field.

Easton's Red Rovers won their third straight last Saturday, too, defeating Upper Darby in Cottingham stadium 19-6 before 6,000 spectators. Captain Johnny Heilman brought in the home team's first score.

Nazareth Hi eleven dropped a 25-7 decision to Washington at Nazareth on the same day. The game was tied up at 7-7 at the half, but the visitors from Jersey opened the second half with a three touchdown drive and cinched the laurels.

Bangor's Slate Pickers met their first defeat in the October 7 game when Wilson Boro won a 7 to 6 victory as 1,500 fans watched on the Wilson field. All the scoring was done in the first half, the second being a see-saw affair with no tallies by either team.

Annual sporting event familiar to all Bethlehemites is the pre-season Quarterbacks huddle. It will be held this year in the Hotel Bethlehem on the 16th with Vincent "Pat" Pazzetti, one-time All-American at Lehigh, as toastmaster.

REUNION IN BETHLEHEM



★ This trio is composed of the three sons of Mr. and Mrs. Irwin Masteller, 1306 Clay St., and they are, in order, **Harold I.**, 22; **Robert J.**, 20, and **William R.**, 18. Members of the First (North Side) Presbyterian church, they all were home together recently.

★ Here's another letter we think deserves a good "play" for it has unusual news value. It's from *Cpl. Wilbur Klingaman* of the Engineers, and runs thus:

France
July 24, 1944

"Hello:

For some time now I have delayed writing this letter, because something always turns up. Today, however, by hook or by crook, I'll get it done.

"First of all I must tell you how much I enjoy the 'Stars in the Service' magazine. I left the States in March 1942, one year after I was inducted. In that period I have lost contact with all my friends. At least now I know where some are and what they are doing. Too, I can do my best to see them. I have met a few. In the Belgian Congo, *Sgt. Robert Rice*, spent eight days with me, while waiting transportation home. He's in the Ferrying Command. At Stratford-on-Avon I met *Lt. John Dennis* and in Winchester I saw *Pvt. Thurlow Moseback*. It certainly is a treat to run into friends from back home.

"I have seen a good portion of the world, north and south of the equator. The first stop was on desolate island, but each move took me to a better location, the climax being England. The people there are as friendly as can be and did all they could to make us feel at home. I only wish I were there now instead of here in France. This country is very beautiful, but you can imagine how torn up it is from all the pre-invasion bombing. I've been here since June 10th and it

was exciting on that day to set foot on French soil even though I had to wade through three feet of water first, and then walk six miles to camp, which was then one mile from the front and it was not too pleasant. The first few days were very noisy and at night the sky was lighted with anti-aircraft fire, but now it is quite different.

"I am in the special service branch in my unit and have been for two years, prior to this I was the Chaplain's assistant. I enjoy my work which is entertaining the soldiers.

"At one of the former stations we had quite a few U. S. O. shows and I always had the pleasure of escorting the actors and actresses. Among them were *Martha Raye*, *Al Jolson*, *Frederic Marsh* and *Humphrey Bogart* and his wife *Mayo Mothat*. Besides these shows we had soldier shows at least once a month and movies nightly. It may sound like an easy job but believe me one can spend hours and hours preparing for entertainment.

"Here in France we have pictures nightly. We also have a loud speaker system throughout camp. We use this to play either the radio or recordings during meal hours and especially first thing in the morning. Music first thing sure does make one feel good—as one of the first sergeants told me, 'None of my men are late for reveille now.'

"I have had so many pleasant experiences which I know I shall never forget.

Sincerely,
Cpl. Wilbur C. Klingaman"



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