

Lt. Col. Bieber, Springtown Pastor, Back From Service

Lt. Col. ^{JAN 1945} Edmund E. Bieber has applied for and obtained release from active duty with the Army in order to return to the pastorate of the Springtown Lutheran parish from which he has been on leave of absence since his entry on duty with the Army on July 7, 1941.

The parish, composed of the Lutheran congregations at Springtown, Pleasant Valley and Durham, have been without the service of a regular pastor since the death of the Rev. Dr. U. E. Apple on February 28, 1944. Dr. Apple came out of retirement as a clergyman to act as supply pastor in Rev. Bieber's absence.

Upon entry on active duty as a captain in July of 1941 Rev. Bieber was assigned to duty as an administrative officer with the Air Corps with first station at Langley Field, Virginia, as Personnel Adjutant of a Bombardment Group. On December 8, 1941, he moved with his unit to California where this Group went on submarine patrol during the Jap submarine scare in December of 1941. One of the squadrons of this Group destroyed a Jap submarine during this period.

In January of 1942 this unit was shipped on the first convoy to leave the United States with destination Australia.

In April of 1943 Col. Bieber (then Major) was transferred to the Fifth Bomber Command of the Fifth Air Force where he was assigned duty as Assistant Chief of Staff in charge of Personnel of the Bomber Command which position he held until his return to the United States in August of last year.

Upon his return from foreign service he was processed at the Air Force Redistribution Station at Miami Beach, Fla., and was assigned as Base Adjutant of the Army Air Field at Walterboro, South Carolina, until his transfer to the



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Separation Center at Fort Dix, N. J. He is now on terminal leave for two months and twenty days and will revert to civilian status on March 6.

Col. Bieber wears the Presidential Unit Citation Device, the pre-Pearl Harbor ribbon, the American Theatre Ribbon, and the Asiatic Pacific Theatre Ribbon with three battle stars in addition to five overseas stripes signifying completion of 30 months of foreign service.

Col. and Mrs. Bieber and daughter, Nancy, will move into the parsonage at Springtown today and immediately resume the work of the pastorate conducting Communion services at Springtown and Durham this coming Sunday and at Pleasant Valley Sunday, January 14.

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