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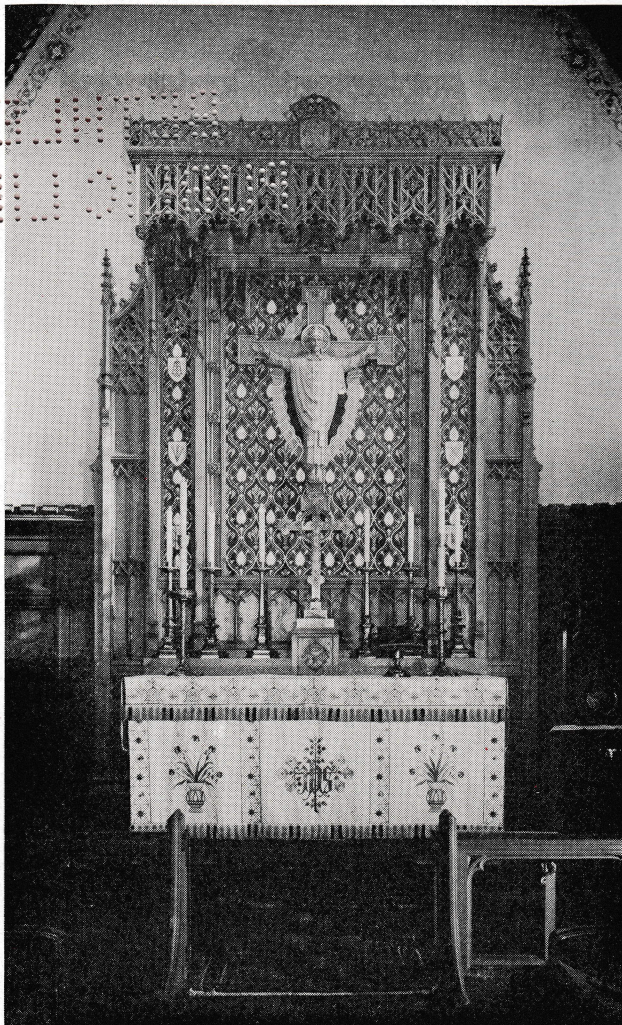
STARS

IN THE SERVICE

FEBRUARY, 1944

To the Glory of God and of His Son, Jesus Christ

"The fire shall be ever-burning upon the Altar.
It shall never go out."—Lev. 6:13



★ Pictured is the new hand carved reredos which adds new beauty to the sanctuary of Trinity Episcopal Church. The reredos and the re-decoration of the sanctuary were the gift of Mr. Alan C. Dodson. The enlarging of the choir stalls, given some years ago as a memorial to Weston and Jane Elizabeth Dodson, was the gift of Lt. Col. and Mrs. William Radford Coyle.

Dedication of the reredos, the choir stalls and appurtenant work was carried out at services at which the Rt. Rev. Frank W. Sterrett, D.D., bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Bethlehem, was the preacher, the Rev. Merrill M. Moore, rector, reading the service.

The reredos is of Gothic design. The ceiling of the sanctuary has been polychromed and the side walls and window displays have delicate stencil designs in pastel shades. The entire sanctuary is painted a warm gray green. The figure of "Christ the King" in the center of the panel was carved by Henry Beretta of New York.

FAMILY ALBUM

★ Most of the boys from St. Paul's received their Christmas boxes from the church and by the way they have written to the Pastor they enjoyed them very much.

★ Among those recently at home on furlough are: *Pfc. Helen Hince* of the WAC at Miami Beach, Fla.; *Pfc. Julius Mihala*, of the Army, stationed at Bainbridge, Georgia, and *Sgt. Julius Ozdinec*, Camp Edwards, Mass., who was home over the New Year week-end.

★ We learn that boys at home to visit their families in Freemansburg a short while ago were *Pvt. William Zingley*, *Donald Canfield* and *Leon McGady*, S 1/c.

★ Zion E & R Church recently greeted *George Fogel*, *Howard Host*, *Oliver Minnich* and *Robert Wessner*, home on furloughs to visit parents, relatives and friends.

★ First Presbyterian notes tell us that *Matthew Wotherspoon* has been through the Tunisian and Sicilian campaigns, wounded, recovered and is now in England. *Douglas Paul* writes from England that he is in good quarters and has no complaints about the grub. *Robert Standing* got mighty sick down in Greensboro, N. C., but is active again. Having "served out" his sick leave, he returned to take up where he left off.

★ Since the last issue of "Stars", seven more stars have been added to the service flag of St. Stephen's Lutheran Church. The men honored are *George Keeler*, *Frederick Horning*, *Richard Smith*, *Claude Mertz*, *Kenneth Smale*, *Richard Erdman* and *Frank Hinley, Jr.* This brings the total to 63.

★ The service roll at First Presbyterian Church (North Side) now has 110 names on it. There is a gold star for *Captain Gordon Brandt*, killed in a plane accident in North Carolina. Word has been received that *Roland Gangwer*, recently reported "missing" is a prisoner of the German government. He was a turret gunner on a "Flying Fortress." Of the 110 men, seven are on duty overseas, 14 are overseas and 15 are in Army Specialized Training.

★ St. Mark's Lutheran congregation welcomed two of their sons in service at the Christmas morning service, *Pvt. Foster Lapp* of the U.S. Marines and *Captain Douglas W. Edwards*, U. S. Army, Captain Edwards spent a 30-day leave with his parents over the holidays.

"The Lord Is In His Holy Temple: Let The Earth Keep Silence Before Him"

The Scripture Reading

as chosen for Stars by

The REV. JOHN DANIEL

Pastor of St. John's
Slovak Lutheran Church

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Romans 8:28-39

And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.

For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.

Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called; and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified.

What shall we then say to those things? If God be for us, who can be against us?

He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?

Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth.

Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us.

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.

Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.

For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come.

Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

It is through your Church you receive "Stars." Send your pastor a "thank you" note, together with your latest address.

A MESSAGE by Rev. C. Eugene Blum, Pastor of Bethany Evangelical and Reformed Church

THE TEXT:—"Greatness sparked by faith."

THE MESSAGE:—Americans in all parts of the world will celebrate, in this month of February, the birthdays of two of America's greatest—George Washington and Abraham Lincoln. And, since we know that greatness is not confined to any chosen few, we all experience a quickening of the pulse as we recall a familiar school-day verse:

"Lives of great men all remind us,
We can make our lives sublime . . ."

In the case of Washington and Lincoln we see greatness in what they did; the one helping create a new nation free from tyranny, the other throwing himself in the breach when this new nation is threatened with dismemberment and ruin. Theirs were deeds of greatness involving misunderstanding, hardship, personal danger, and sacrifice.

They were great also, therefore, in what they were. For great deeds do not spring out of thin air. In both there were the homely virtues of honesty, integrity, devotion to duty, and courage. And here, one will say, is the complete essence of greatness. But it is not. Fine as these virtues are, back of each one, to sustain it, must be the indispensable element—Faith.

Highly refined aviation gasoline is one of the great powers of this war. However it is a small spark, at the right time and place, which ultimately decides whether this power amounts to anything or not.

A retranslation of Hebrews 11:1 reads: "Now faith means we are *confident* of what we hope for, *convinced* of what we do not see." It was this unfaltering confidence in the God of heaven and earth, in the larger destiny of America, and in themselves that sparked the greatness of Washington and Lincoln. It will do the same for us today.

LET US PRAY

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A Prayer for our Nation, and
for our men and women in Service

Contributed by Rev. G. Franklin Gehr,
D.D., Pastor of
Salem Lutheran Church

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GOD, Who has created us for Thyself, and placed us in the earth to keep it for Thy glory, have mercy on us and our Nation in the time of trouble, and by the fire of Thy cleansing, restore us and the earth to Freedom and Truth, and, through the thick darkness, hasten the Kingdom of Thy Peace.

As we follow our Saviour on His journey to Calvary, make us conscious of His sacrifice for sin and salvation, and deepen our faith that it is in the fellowship of the Cross that we preserve the Gift of His grace.

Keep our sons and daughters, wherever they are, and whatever they suffer, under the covert of Thy wing, and daily nourish them with Faith, Hope and Love, that their souls may endure for Thy Name's sake.

May falsehood and wrong not tarry beside us, and strengthen us by Thy Spirit to FREE mankind, that all Thy children may sing from ocean to ocean, "Peace to the nations, and praise to the Lord." Amen.

HYMN

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Beautiful Saviour!
King of Creation!
Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I'd love Thee,
Truly I'd serve Thee,
Light of my soul, my Joy, my Crown.

Fair are the meadows,
Fair are the woodlands,
Robed in flowers of blooming spring;
Jesus is fairer,
Jesus is purer;
He makes our sorrowing spirit sing.

Fair is the sunshine,
Fair is the moonlight,
Bright the sparkling stars on high;
Jesus shines brighter,
Jesus shines purer,
Than all the angels in the sky.

Beautiful Saviour!
Lord of the nations!
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor,
Praise, adoration,
Now and for evermore be Thine!

For Devotion Beyond The Call Of Duty

★ Without a doubt, all of Bethlehem's sons are acquitting themselves with credit in the battles on land and sea in which they may be engaged. As a buttress to this premise is the report of the award of the Silver Star for gallantry under fire to *Lieut. Russell R. Moore*. The medal was sent to his wife, Evelyn Lutz Moore, 317 East Locust Street.

According to General Orders No. 80 accompanying the news of the award, *Lieut. Moore* voluntarily led a small patrol into enemy territory in the face of heavy machine gun fire in order to locate enemy mortar positions and mine fields which were holding up the advance of American forces. This action took place in Tunisia.

The citation further reads: "On one occasion after he had been wounded, he unhesitatingly exposed himself to a very heavy enemy fire in an attempt to rescue a fatally wounded member of his patrol . . ."

★ *Lieut. Raymond Feilbach, AAF*, is now sporting three medals and a citation for "extraordinary achievement." He was presented with the awards during the week of January 22 at his bomber squadron base

"somewhere in England." First, he was given the Purple Heart for wounds in action over Bremen, Germany. Then along came the Air Medal with an oakleaf cluster for ten missions successfully accomplished, and last, the colonel pinned on his blouse the Distinguished Flying Cross.

The young flier, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Feilbach, 522 Second Avenue, sent home his medals to his wife and a copy of the citation accompanying the DFC to his parents. It reads:

"Awarded for extraordinary achievements while serving as navigator of a B-17 airplane on a bombing mission over Germany, October 8, 1943. During a fierce attack by enemy fighters, Lieut. Feilbach was wounded and his aircraft heavily damaged. After successfully bombing the target, the pilot was unable to maintain a position in the formation. In spite of his painful wounds, Lieut. Feilbach skillfully navigated the aircraft back to the home base. The courage, technical skill and devotion to duty displayed by Lieut. Feilbach on this occasion reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States."

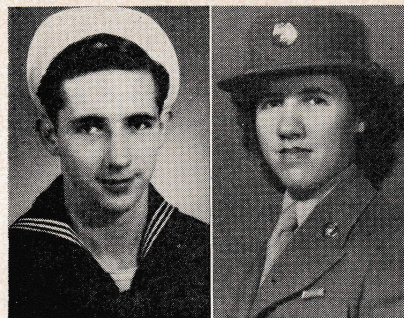
In a recent letter to his family here, *Lieut. Feilbach* wrote: "I am definitely in England. My job is being navigator on a B-17 Flying Fortress. Now I can tell you that I got hurt while on a raid (not my first one, either!) over Bremen when a 20mm. shell from a German fighter plane attacking our formation exploded in the nose of my ship. The Purple Heart medal I got was for being wounded in action on a raid over enemy territory.

"Also, after my three weeks in the hospital and my week in the rest home I'm absolutely all right and back on duty."

The country he says is very much like Pennsylvania or New Jersey and is intensively cultivated. "The fields are small but when you ride along and pass a thatched-roof cottage or an old, old inn or a church five or six hundred years old—well, you know you aren't in the U. S. A.!"

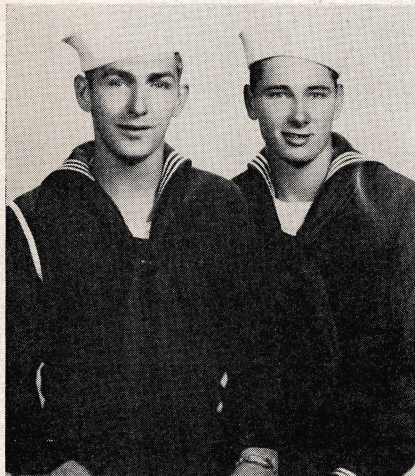
He tells of two colleges visited, both at Cambridge University; the one being St. John's, the other Trinity, and of a bus trip to Huntingdon, a small town near Cambridge, and of a visit to the birthplace of Oliver Cromwell, as well as the school he attended.

BROTHER AND SISTER



★ This is the first brother-sister picture we have printed. Maybe some more will follow. At the left, **Pfc. Doris A. Schantz, WAC**, and at the right, **Petty Officer Charles G. Schantz, USN**, daughter and son of Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Schantz, 325 Hawthorne Road. Doris left last May 5 for Daytona Beach for her basic training. That chore completed she was sent to Army Administration school at Russellville, Ark., and upon graduating there was sent to Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Md., where she now is. She is a graduate of Liberty High, class of '41, and an active member of Salem Lutheran Church. Brother Charles was sworn in January 14, 1943, took his boot training at Sampson, N. Y., and then entered electrician's school for 16 weeks. He was assigned to a boat at Norfolk, Va., and is now somewhere in the South Pacific. He's a former Steel employee and a member of Salem Church. He married Doris Mae Ward July 21, 1943.

BUDDIES PROMOTED



★ This cheerful pair is composed of **Ray D. Flurer** and **Harold A. Amey**, both Bethlehem boys, and the picture was taken when they were home on a recent furlough. Flurer is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Titus Flurer, 1925 Montgomery Avenue, trained at Sampson, N. Y., and is stationed at Dearborn, Mich., with the newly acquired rating of fireman third class. He is a graduate of Tech High and a member of the Hecktown Reformed Sunday School and church. He formerly worked for the Bethlehem Steel Co.

Amey, his longtime friend, has been advanced to seaman second class upon completion of his training at Sampson and is now stationed at Norman, Okla., for Naval Air training. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John S. Amey, 2004 Kemmerer Street and a graduate of Tech High. He is a member of Zion E & R Church and Sunday School. Like Ray, he was employed by the B. S. Co. before induction last July 27.

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.

Several of you have asked for names and addresses of buddies in the services. Sorry, we are not permitted to publish these, but if you will drop us a line stating name and church affiliation of your friend, Stars will try to send the address by mail.

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Chaplain Yost Relates Experiences

LETTER TO FELLOW CLERGYMAN INTERESTING READING

★ One of the most interesting and illuminating letters to come to Stars is the one of which parts are printed in the following paragraphs. It was not written to the magazine but to a Bethlehem Lutheran pastor by a brother clergyman who is now a first lieutenant and chaplain and who is serving "somewhere in Italy," the Rev. *Israel Yost*.

Readers of Stars will recall that in issue No. 3, published in June 1943, Chaplain Yost's picture was carried together with a short description of him and a telegraphed message to the magazine.

He writes: "I am with an infantry battalion . . . the only one of its kind, and it often rates publicity in the news, so be on the lookout for it.

"These men respect the convictions of a Christian, and most of them are Christians and rejoice in their baptism; twelve were baptized by the ship's chaplain on the way overseas before I joined them. I have been with them for about a month now (October 27, 1943). Not only do they turn out well for services, but now and again one or several will come and ask for a special service, saying that they feel the need of it.

"And the officers are most cooperative. After a service at which we used the Apostles' Creed the executive officer came and suggested that I make a mimeographed copy of it for each soldier in the battalion so that they might learn it one and all. The officer himself is an Episcopalian. Usually we have to sing without books because there are many more at service than we have books for.

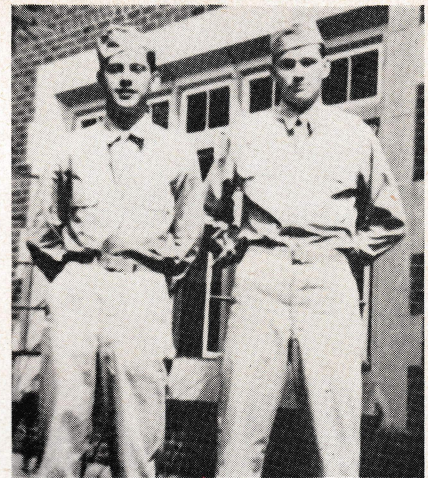
"Of course they are not perfect people, but they are so open to suggestion and teaching. There isn't any fun to war, and they all know that now; they have been somewhat sober-

ed up. With them each day is a splendid opportunity for witness; they expect to see their chaplain with them when the going gets hard. I hike with them, work in the aid station, visit them in their fox-holes when things are quiet.

"It's a wonderful experience. Life becomes so dangerous that one is forced to rely upon the grace of God for each day; if tomorrow comes, it comes; we worry only about the things of the present. One begins to appreciate what Jesus meant when he said 'sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.'

"It is amazing what a beating the human body can take, and how strong the nerve of some men is, but what a shame that such cheap pieces of metal can snuff out such precious lives.

"Italy is beautiful when viewed from a distance; close up the people and their homes are dirty. There is little leadership among them; the spirit of all borders close on fatalism. I've met some of the clergy and to them I am a rarity, often being the first Protestant minister they have ever talked with. I've picked up a little Italian and often get to use it."



These two smart looking soldiers are **Theodore Fritchman** and **Carl O. Gerhab**, both members of Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church, Hellertown, and comrades-in-arms.

capturing those "Nutzis." The lieutenant has a brother, Gill, with the air-force in England, and another, Bob, in the infantry.

Pete Venninger is with the occupational forces that landed at Tarawa in the South Pacific. *Bill Snyder* is over in North Africa while *Stan Brader* has been home to see his family after being in the thick of it in the Pacific. The little missus was so nice to come home to for *Bobby George*. *Joe Bellize* goes to the Army and *Tony Bananzi* to the Navy. (Hi ya, Gob!)

Lieut. Thelma Vella gets the biggest kick out of swearing Mother-and-Daughter combinations into the WAC at Norfolk, Va. *Lieut. Vella* is in charge of Recruiting in Norfolk and she has sworn in two such family groups.

Boners of the month . . . Did you have hear of the greasy monkey who tried to grease a cotter pin, or the grease monkey who tried to put a tire on a rim inside out? Oh yes, and there's the guy who missed the oil drain while he was changing oil. The drain, by the way, is a foot wide. These things really did happen on the home front.

IN NAZI HANDS

★ A prisoner of war of the German government is the latest report of *Captain Paul J. George*, veteran of 14 years in the U. S. Army. Stars understands that he is receiving his mail through the Red Cross. Several years of *Captain George's* service were spent in the Hawaiian Islands and for seven years he was at Hamilton Field, Calif., where his sister, *Pfc. Lillian George* of the WAC whose picture we ran in the last issue, is stationed. While in California the captain met "the girl" and was married. Her name is Edith, and Edith is still on the West Coast. After service in California *Captain George* served in Mexico and Panama and several other bases. In July 1942 he sailed for England and after his arrival there was advanced in rank to captain, for he was, up to then, a first lieutenant. He rose through the ranks and won his bars the "hard way."

PEOPLE TELL US

By Carrol Cool

After lugging a machine gun for twenty-five miles, "My back is breaking." *Pvt. Gordon Balliet* came home to see mamma and the gang. This is his first furlough since he entered the paratroopers last Spring.

With a nine day adventure on an island in "Mare Nostrum" behind him, *Capt. Sam Shierman* came home to see Alice and little Jeanie for the first time in fifteen months. The captain says he wishes he was in on that march on Rome that the Yanks are staging, but it sure is good to be home.

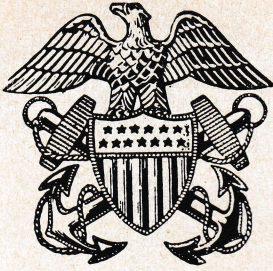
Lieut. Woody King has been retired from the infantry after his hair-raising experience with ten Nazi soldiers who landed by glider behind Allied lines. It was his coolness, by the way, that was instrumental in

DECLARATION

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THE NAVY IN HOME WATERS

"Fleets In — Every Man For Himself"

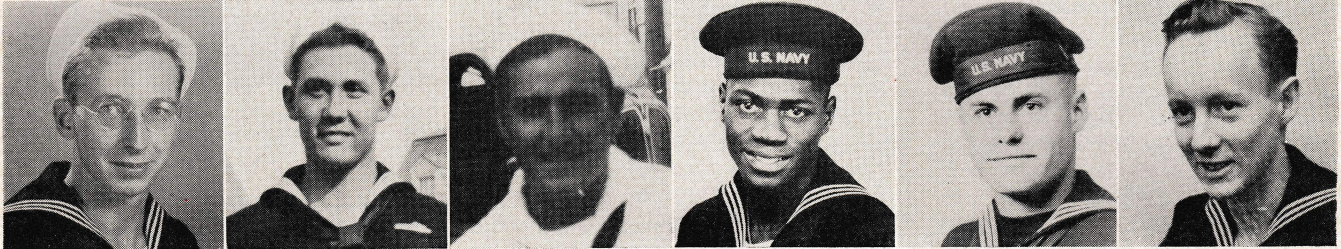
★ The return of *Frank P. Tiso*, S. 2/c, to his job as foreman at the Fountain Hill Underwear Mills is

son, N. Y., and is now on an L. C. J. crew at Somemons Branch, Washington, D. C.

★ Continuing his training in Navy practices at Norfolk, Va., is *Paul L. Frankenfield*, S 2/c, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Frankenfield, Macada, Bethlehem R. D. 1. Paul was first at Sampson, N. Y., where he was drafted for ship's company. His transfer to

He entered the Navy from the Bethlehem Steel Co. September 30, 1943.

★ *Petty Officer Donald G. Medlecot*, GM 3/c, is now stationed at the Naval repair base, San Diego, Calif., where he was slated to graduate from electrical hydraulic school in January. He enlisted December 21, 1942 and trained at Sampson, N. Y. He graduated from gunnery school September



David Allen

James Moyer

Frank Tiso

Oliver Wallace

Donald Medlecot

Robert Gregg

eagerly awaited, so we are told. Frank, now at Corpus Christi, Texas, was very popular at the mill. He got his boot training at Sampson, N. Y., and has a wife who also awaits his return at the home in Allentown.

★ If *Dick Reynolds'* expectations turned out to be correct, he is now at Damneck Mills, Va., for advanced radio school. Dick is with the Coast Guard and was in training for a time at Virginia Beach radio school.

Norfolk was very recent. He is a member of St. Thomas Church, Macada.

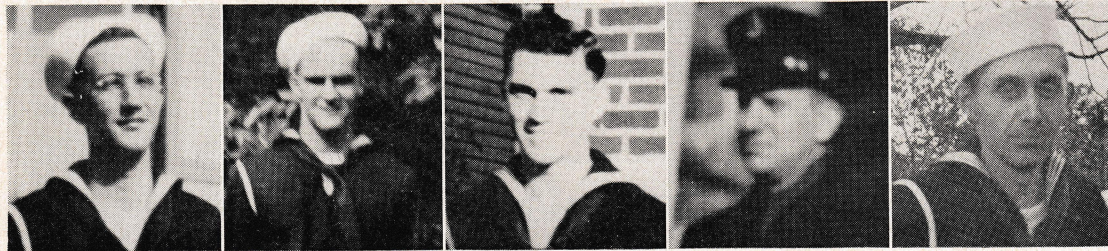
★ A word of praise for the Navy comes from *Oliver F. Wallace*, S 2/c, who says it is a good place for a young man to win advancement. Wallace has been at Great Lakes, Ill. He is the son of General Wallace, East Sixth Street, and a graduate of Technical High.

★ *George C. Grant*, S 2/c, gave the

27, 1943 as a petty officer 3/c.

Medlecot underwent an appendectomy and lost some weight, but Navy grub put the poundage on his ribs and he's back in shape now. Those who have attended Nativity Episcopal Church will remember him as a member of the Y.P.F., the choir and as crucifer for two years. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Medlecot, 1019 Wood Street.

★ Included among his experiences



Brand Kreuger

Charles Diefenderfer

Arthur Strawn

Raymond Moyer

Paul Frankenfield

★ *Paul E. Urffer*, S 1/c, son of Mrs. Florence A. Urffer, New Street, Freemansburg, came home for a short leave after completing his boot training at Sampson, N. Y. Before he enlisted last November 18, Paul was a student in Liberty High school.

★ *Charles Diefenderfer*, S 1/c, has finished his boot training at Samp-

sons in town a treat when he came home from Great Lakes, Ill., looking every inch a fine sailor man.

★ Here's news of *Elwood F. Clewell*, now a fireman second class at Richmond, Va., in the Diesel Engineering School. He's the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Clewell, Sr, 1416 North Center Street. He took his boot training at Sampson, N. Y. "Woody" is a graduate of Bethlehem Technical High, class of '43. There he was a member of the minstrel and glee clubs. He is a church organist and choir leader.

★ The City of Brotherly Love is at present the station of *Kenneth T. Haldaman*, S 2/c, who was sent to Philadelphia after completing his boot training at Sampson, N. Y. Ken is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Tilghman Haldaman, 1529 Monocacy Street.

while on duty for 18 months in the Pacific, *Raymond Moyer*, CMM, counts as one of the most terrible and awe-inspiring the sinking of the carrier Wasp, which he saw from the deck of a nearby vessel. Moyer enlisted April 27, 1927 and so is an old hand at the Navy game. Recently, after a 30-day furlough with his family in Bethlehem, he was sent to the Navy operating base at San Diego, Calif.

★ *Arthur Strawn*, S 2/c, former Bethlehem Steel employee, is, so far as we know, at Sampson, N. Y. He entered the Navy September 1, 1943. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Strawn, 122 Northampton Street, Hellertown, he is a graduate of Hellertown High, class of '40, and a member of Christ Reformed Church in the same town.

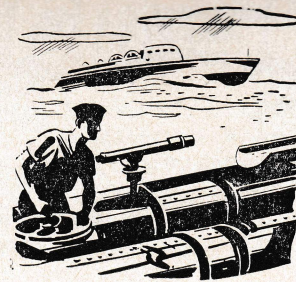


Kenneth Haldeman

Elwood Clewell

THE NAVY AT SEA

"All Hands To Battle Stations"

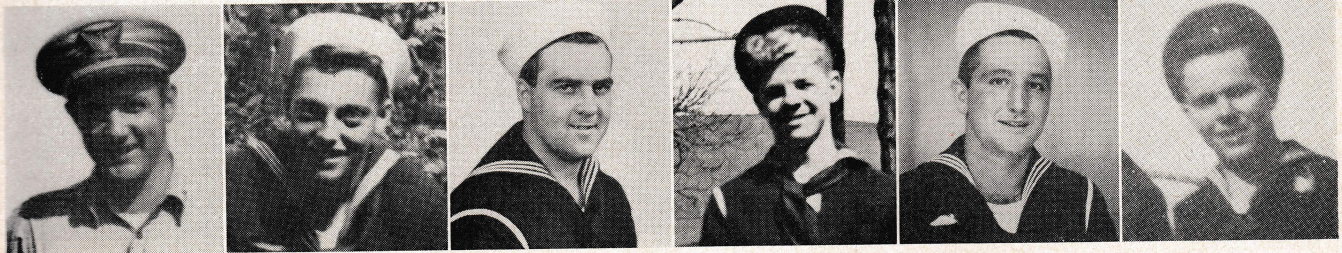


★ With mine sweeping as his Navy vocation, *Robert J. Ettwein, F 2/c*, now and again enjoys the extra-curricula activities of boxing and Navy cooking, so we are told. Bob joined up August 21, 1943 and was sent to Sampson, N. Y. Between training at Sampson and his latest assignment to North Atlantic sea duty, he spent

a U. S. War Bond. Ray is stationed somewhere in the Pacific and he writes that he wants all his friends to know he is in the best of health.

★ *Charles A. Wesner, Jr., RM 2/c*, has celebrated two years in the service of Uncle Sams Navy. He is now somewhere across and his parents,

★ *Noble Bishop*, father of *Robert Bishop*, who has been on duty in the South Pacific for some months, has



Jacob E. Snyder Charles Wessner, Jr. Armand Moyer Roy Benner Frederick Reinhard Thomas Transue

some time in South Carolina, Georgia and Florida.

★ *Lt. (jg) Edwin J. Miller* is now overseas with the advanced amphibious forces and reportedly is in England. However, these boys are seeing plenty of service, so he may be almost anywhere in the active theatre.

★ *Armand E. Moyer, S 1/c*, was assigned to a new aircraft carrier after eight weeks at Sampson, N. Y., training center. He entered the service May 28, 1943. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Moyer, 458 Birkel Avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wesner, 729 North Center Street, expect that when he comes home he'll have some tall tales to tell. Meanwhile, he does his duty and keeps mum.

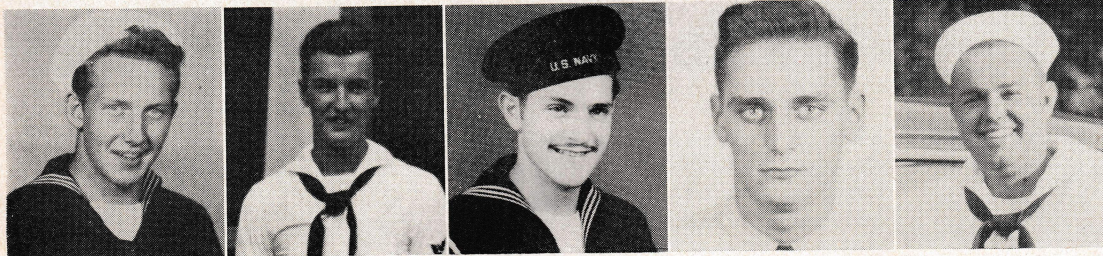
★ *Joseph Yamnicky, S 2/c*, last reported from Norfolk, Va., has been doing duty on the North Atlantic Convoy lanes. He writes as often as possible, but under the circumstances the arrival of his epistles is well spaced. At last report he is well and still putting on some solid weight.

★ Report has it that *William J. Long, AOM 3/c*, of 428 Fifth Avenue, is at present stationed on a small island

enlisted in the Sea-Bees and is at Davisville, R. I. His rating is MM 2/c. Robert Bishop's ship touched at the west coast recently.

★ According to the report, *Maurice Tyson, Jr.*, 621 Third Avenue, is now a cadet in the Merchant Marine. That's a tough service. He is a graduate of high school and attended Lehigh, working for his BS degree.

★ If *Tommy Transue, SRM 2/c*, is in Scotland for the duration, as he thinks he may be, he'll probably come home wearing kilts and sporran, and with a taste for porridge and a burr on his tongue that you can cut with a knife! He sent word Dec. 22 of his safe arrival in the Land of Burns. If you see him, ask him if he likes "haggis"!



Robert Ettwein Fred Feltault William Herzog, Jr. Maurice Tyson Joseph Yamnicky

★ Serving somewhere in England with the Amphibian landing forces is *Roy F. Benner, S 2/c*, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rollin Benner, 40 East Union Street. He has a wife in Bethlehem, too, the former Marguerite Host, whom he married in February of 1943, just a year ago. Roy received his boot training at Great Lakes, Ill., after enlisting in October of 1942. He was successively stationed thereafter at Sampson, N. Y., Little Creek, Va., Ft. Pierce, Fla., and Long Island, N. Y.

★ *Ray M. Peacock, AMM 3/c*, sent his mother a nice Christmas gift—

off the coast of Massachusetts which is a five hour ferry trip from the mainland. Needless to say, the commuting is not frequent. A brother, Robert, recently graduated at Lehigh University and is attending Officer Training School on the U.S.S. Prairie State in New York City.

★ Right now *Burton Ruhf, S 2/c* is stationed in Panama where, he tells his folks at home, the temperature is practically always 110 degrees hot! Ruhf writes that he is receiving Stars and enjoys reading about his pals and buddies.

★ *Donald C. Sawyer*, former president of the Bethlehem school board, has been advanced to lieutenant senior grade by the U. S. Navy, Stars has been informed.

★ Comes a note from *Wesley K. Beltzner, EM 2/c*, from "somewhere in the Pacific." He acknowledges receipt of Stars and we are glad to learn the postman is busy at sea.

★ *Lt. John Dodson, USNR*, was in town recently, having unexpectedly put in at an east coast port.

★ *Richard Kresge, QM 1/c* is on sea duty out of Miami, Fla.

BROTHERS IN ARMS

"All For One and One For All"



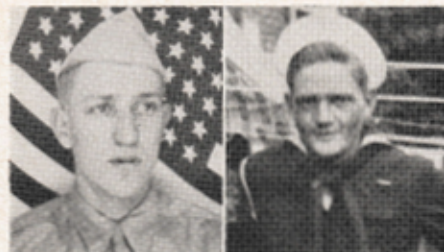
★ Mr. and Mrs. Russell Jacoby of 2546 Easton Avenue have three sons in the service, *Corp. R. H. Jacoby*,

inducted into the Army and left for New Cumberland the day before last Easter. He celebrated his 19th birthday October 20 last by calling his family from St. Louis, Mo. He has not been home since he was inducted.

★ It looks as if the Airforces is the

Fred, who entered the Navy October 10, 1942, is a seaman second class in the Navy and is now somewhere at sea. He received his boot training at Newport, R. I., was sent to various southern points and now is on sea duty.

Roy is a private in the Army. He



Russell Jacoby

Merritt Jacoby

Jr., somewhere overseas; *Pvt. Charles Jacoby*, University of Kentucky, and *A S Merritt W. Jacoby*, with the N. A. A. C. at Nashville, Tenn. All three are members of Christ Reformed Church.

★ *Richard Hauze*, aviation cadet, and brother *William J. Hauze, Jr.*, sons of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Hauze, 1428 Hottle Avenue, are busily engaged in making martial hay while the sun



Charles Jacoby

Samuel Ottinger

preferred service in the *Ottinger* family for brothers *David*, *Samuel* and *James* are all in various posts of this great outfit. Sam is a lieutenant and is back at Boca Rotan Field, Fla., for his second stay. He is a member of the 15th academic group. Dave is a private first class at Kingman Airfield, Kingman, Arizona, and Jim is an aviation cadet at Malden Airfield, Malden, Missouri. Friends back



James Ottinger

David Ottinger

entered December 22, 1942 and was sent for basic to Ft. Eustis, Va. Now he is located with a Military Police detachment at the same place.

★ *Gordon* and *Ralph Fenicle*, sons of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Fenicle, Maple street, and member of Emmanuel E. C. church, are both in the uniform of their Uncle Sam, Gordon a private in the Air Service Command somewhere in England and Ralph a sea-



Richard Hauze

William Hauze

shines. Dick, who recently was graduated from Armorer's school at Lowry Field, No. 2, Air Force Technical Training Center, Denver, Colo., has been assigned to Maxwell Field, Ala. Bill was assigned to the AAF at Sheppard Field Texas for basic study and is now an aviation student at Peabody College, Nashville, Tenn.

Richard will be remembered as one of the L.H.S. cheer leaders. He was



Joseph Beil

James Beil

home in Fritz Memorial Methodist church are backing the "Ottinger boys" to the limit.

★ Here's news of the *Klotz* brothers, *Fred Jr.* and *Roy*, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer H. Klotz, former Bethlehem residents now living in Allentown. The two boys, however, are still members of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church here.



Frederiek Klotz

Roy Klotz

man second class at the U. S. Naval sectional base, Galveston, Texas.

Gordon left employment at the Middletown Air Depot to enter the Air force. He received his basic at Kelly Field, Texas. Ralph was at Sampson, N. Y., for his first work, then served at the Navy base in New Orleans, La., and was transferred from there to Galveston. Both are graduates of Technical High.



Leonard Lux

Charles Lux



Donald Reynolds

Walter Reynolds



Ralph Fenicle

Gordon Fenicle

BROTHERS---concluded

★ *Donald* and *Walter R. Reynolds*, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Frank B. Reynolds, have recently been promoted. Donald received his seaman first class rating aboard a battleship in the Pacific theatre of war. He is a gunner and is looking forward to the day when he is rated as gunner's mate. He has seen considerable action, being present at the invasion of North Africa and was at Casablanca. Don says he likes the Navy and enjoys the best of health. He is a graduate of Bethlehem High.

Walter is making fine progress toward his second lieutenant's commission in the Army Air Force. He has completed his primary flight training at Maxwell Field, Ala., and is at present stationed at Dorr Field, Fla. He enlisted in January of '43 and was at Miami Beach for his basic, moving on to Xavier University and to Nashville, where he was classified. He hopes to receive his wings shortly.

★ Remember the old song in "the Connecticut Yankee", "Wash Your Armor in Lux"; Well, Stars has two cases of Lux to offer, but no soap. They are the *Lux* brothers, *Charles R.* and *Leonard*, sons of *Ida M.* and the late *John Lux*, 606 Fiot Street, Fountain Hill. Charles has received his rating as second class seaman. He was inducted in June and boot trained at Sampson. He is at present located at Jacksonville, Fla., where he is taking instructions in Radio school. He had a seven day leave in August. He attended Liberty High, was employed by the Bethlehem Steel and is a member of St. Mark's Church.

Leonard is a private in the Army. He left last August for the service and went through the usual ropes at New Cumberland. His present location is not given. He is a Fountain Hill High School alumnus and like his brother, a member of St. Mark's.

★ Brothers *Joseph E.* and *James W. Beil* are both privates in Uncle Sam's Army and both specialists in their fields. Joe entered the Army April 16 last and was sent to Ft. Knox, Ky., for training with the armored forces. There he learned to operate and repair the M-4 tank. After his basic training was completed he was transferred to Fort George G. Meade, where he was put in the replacement regiment of the Armored Ground Force to await further orders. He is a former employee of the Sure-Fit Products Co.

Jim entered the service December 26, 1942 and was sent away out to Ft.

Lewis, Washington, where he learned radio operation. He was attached to the Field Artillery. April 16, 1943 he was sent to Camp Granite, Calif., for three months of desert training and maneuvers, during which time he acted as maneuver umpire. The beginning of August he was sent to Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo., and was there teaching swimming to officers and enlisted men. He was at one time life guard at the Hellertown swimming pool and worked for a time for Bethlehem Steel.

★ *Lieut. Jack Crawford* is stationed at Camp Gruber, Okla. His brother, *Lieut. William Crawford*, is personal aide to the commanding general at Camp McCoy, Wis.

★ *Pfc. John S. Danish* is attending Teletype school at Kearns, Utah, while *Brother Andy* is in the automatic weapons battalion located at Fort Bliss, Texas.

Melting Pot

★ *James B. Moyer* is taking his boot training at Manhattan Beach, N. Y. U. S. Coast Guard station. He's a former Steel employee and a graduate of LHS, class of '40. St. Paul's Reformed church has a star for him on the service flag.

★ Her latest addition to the Navy from St. John Lutheran Church, (Slovak) is *A/S Michael Macey*, husband of *Edna Macey (Sandt)*, of Hellertown. He was welcomed most heartily on his first visit home by his wife and daughter, *Barbarann Naomi*, in January.

★ And now we give you *Pvt. Erwin D. H. Sterner*, 36 West Ettwein Street, and his bride, the former *Laurene Baer*. *Pvt. Sterner*, who is somewhere in Sicily, according to our information, is a member of the Rosemont Lutheran congregation.

NAZI NEMESIS

"TONY" CARCIONE TELLS
OF FIGHT OVER
HITLER-LAND

★ The word "probable" looms large in any report on activities of men in the service, so that in writing about one today there is really no telling what may have happened in twenty-four hours to change the whole picture, so fast do events move. At any rate, a report on *Lieut. Anthony "Tony" Carcione*, member of the Eighth AAF Fighter Command now stationed in England, describes in his own words how he got his third German fighter in one of the Eighth's sweeps over enemy territory. He had previously shot down two Me 109's and his third "bag" was a Nazi Messerschmitt 210.

"I saw an Me 210 all by itself headed back, so I started to attack him. He did a tight climbing turn to the right. I followed him but had to make a much wider turn to keep from a high speed stall. I closed in on him from the rear and below to the right. I opened fire at approximately 350 yards and closed to 250 yards when the tail gunner in the enemy plane opened fire on me. I got a few strikes and he flipped over on his back and headed down in a 30 degree dive, and I kept firing while he was rolling. I fired until I was within 100 yards of him. His engines started smoking and his tail gunner ceased firing. I believe I killed him as no parachute was observed. The last I saw the enemy plane was going down in a gradual dive with both engines smoking like chimneys.

RAILROAD MAN

HE BUILDS SO OTHERS
MAY CARRY ON
THE BATTLE

★ One of the most picturesque men with Uncle Sam's railroad battalions which undertake the reconstruction and operation of railroads in the lands the Allied troops have taken from the Axis is *Lt. Col. Charles Gibson Brown*. In a war replete with unusual characters, Col. Brown stands out, for he is a soldier's soldier, a veteran railroader in civilian life, an Army railroad man from World War I days and a man who gets what he wants done by cutting red tape with the handiest tool.

When it became apparent that Uncle Sam would need a man of Col. Brown's caliber for the big job, the Army put the finger on him, to use a bit of gangster parlance. So he got himself some Army duds, packed his grips and tootled off for foreign ports, along with a shipload of majors, captains, lieutenants and dime-a-dozen second looies, plus the usual complement of "gaudy dancers" in olive.

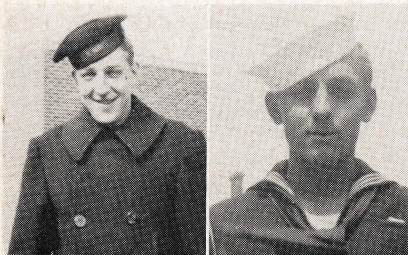
Col. Brown and his motly crew landed in North Africa and turned to and did the kind of job there, and subsequently in Sicily and now in Italy, that every railroad man would be proud to own.

Thus it came about that the P. B. & N. E. Railroad lost a fine boss, but the shining rails in Italy are carrying their burdens to back up the advancing, victorious Allied armies.

THE NAVY IN THE AIR

Tarawa, Wake, The Marshalls

★ *William "Bill" B. Christman, AMM 2/c*, is in a spot where his work has to be "tops" or his goose would be cooked, for he is a repairer of sea-planes which he must fly on test after his job is finished. At least that's the latest word about his doings at Norfolk Naval Air station where he is taking advanced Naval aviation mechanics. Bill, who is the son of Mrs. Wallace Fry, 428 West Union Boulevard, enlisted in the Air Arm of the Navy April 27, 1942. After six months at Great Lakes, Ill., and at Navy



William Christman James McCard

Pier mechanics school, Chicago, he was sent to Norfolk, his present post. We hope he always gets the nuts and bolts back and has no parts left over the way we did when we fixed the old Model T.

★ *James M. McCard, A.M.M. 3/c*, is with a patrol squadron as second engineer on a flying "Catalina" somewhere in the Pacific war theatre. We all hope he "gets his Jap." Jim is the son of Raymond L. McCard, 1427 Easton Avenue. He received his first training at Newport, R. I., after enlisting in April of 1942. He then attended aviation mechanical school at Navy Pier, Chicago, Ill.; Free Air Gunnery school in Jacksonville, Fla., and O.T.U. school at San Diego.

★ We have a postcard from *Harold J. Weiss*, attached to the Naval Air Station at Jacksonville, Fla., acknowledging receipt of the September issue of "Stars" and remarking that he is enabled to keep track of many of his buddies through the magazine.



Christmas with her mother in Bethlehem. Harriet is very happy in the service and a fine exponent of the WAC.

★ *Miss Arlene Badel*, 641 Spring Street, left January 6 for basic training with the WAVES. She is an Edgeboro Moravian member.

★ *Pvt. Elaine C. Smith, WAC*, wife of Pfc. Raymond B. Smith, is at Maxwell Field, Alabama, after basic training at Ft. Oglethorpe, Ga. Raymond is somewhere overseas.

★ From First Presbyterian jottings we learn that *Corp. Mary Dorothy Bowes* is in Officer Candidate School at New River, N. C., Marine base. She says it is tough sledding.

★ *Corp. Lillian B. Johnson, WAC*, stationed at Ft. Clarke, Texas, that the service is "what one makes it."

★ *Marion E. Krier*, sister of Corp. Ralph who is now in Africa, enlisted in the WAVES and is now in training in Georgia. She's a seaman 2/c and enjoys Navy life, according to her letters home.

★ Although we ran a picture of *Pfc. Lillian George* in the Christmas issue, there wasn't much news of her. Now we have information that she was the first girl out of the Bethlehem Steel payroll department to enter the service. She was trained and schooled at Daytona Beach, Fla., and after finishing Administration school was assigned to the AAF at Hamilton Field, Calif., her unit being the first WAC outfit to go to that post. She is still there.

★ The family of *Corp. Dorothy Kunkle* of the WAC enjoyed a visit from her over the New Year weekend. She is still at Camp Atterbury, Ind., and she surely lives up to her nickname of "Smiler". Her sister, *Jean Kelly*, also of the WAC, is at Fort Washington, Md.

WOMEN IN THE SERVICES

Every Lass Lets A Fighter Fight

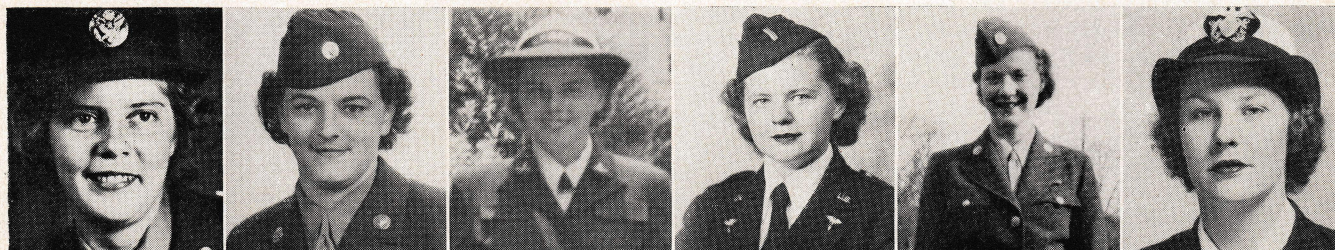
★ Latest recruit from St. Mark's Lutheran Church to join the services is *Pvt. Mae E. John*, member of the WAC. She is also the first and thus far the only girl to leave St. Mark's to serve in her country's uniform. Prior to a recent furlough she was stationed at Ft. Oglethorpe. Now she is at Washington, D. C. Her friends hope she is recovered from her attack of "flu".

★ *Adele Yaniga, S 2/c*, who also has an older brother Sgt. Stephen Yaniga serving with the Army in the Mediterranean, reports from Norman, Oklahoma, that she has left Hunter College, and taken up further study at the N. A. T. T. C. Thus, Mrs. Anna Yaniga, of South Allentown, has given all her children, two sons and a daughter, to the service of her adopted land, and is grateful that she has received much good in the U.S.A.

after her arrival from Czechoslovakia.

★ For this issue we have a very nice picture of *Ensign Anne Lehr Bigelow* of the WAVES, who is stationed in the Office of Procurement and Material, Navy Department, Washington, D. C. Ensign Anne is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. Ellis Lehr, 1522 West North Street. She entered the service October 9, 1942, took her preliminary training at Oklahoma A & M, Stillwater, Okla., and graduated with the rating of Yeoman second class. She reported November 28, 1942 in New York City to the press section in Public Relations. July 31, 1943 she entered the U. S. Naval Training school at Smith College and graduated with her present commission September 21.

★ *Pvt. Harriet E. Huber, WAC*, now stationed at Ft. Meyer, Va., spent



Mae E. John

Elaine C. Smith

Maudrae Kerner

Betty Musselman

Virginia Bankhard

Anne Lehr Bigelow

THE ARMY IN THE AIR

"Flying High, Into the Wide Blue Yonder"

★ Re-enlistment in Uncle Sam's Army placed *Sgt. Russell E. Becker, Jr.*, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Becker, 303 Fourth Avenue, in the AAF. He was first with Battery E in the South, but was discharged after a year. He attends Holy Trinity when he is home.

★ Another St. Paul's boy in the service is *Pfc. James Wright* who is now located at Camp Consair, San Diego, Calif. He, like Heimbrook, trained at Greensboro, and was transferred west from there. He is a former Steel employee and was active in Young People's work at home.

★ It's *Major Donald Oskin* of the AAF now! Since he is on General Doolittles staff, you can easily guess where he is. His brother, *Clyde, Jr.*, is in ASTP at the University of Cincinnati.

N. C., Camp Blanding, Fla.; Ellington Field, Texas, and now Wendover.

★ *Sgt. Robert H. Diehl* got to spend the Christmas holiday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Diehl, 1426 High street. He is now at an airfield near Fresno, Calif. He has been in the AAF since April 2, 1943 and recently received his three stripes upon graduation from aerial gunnery school at Laredo, Texas.

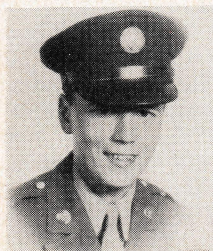
★ *Sgt. Earl Leonard*, upon completing 16 months with the coast artillery on the North Atlantic seaboard, was accepted for flight school training. He reported at Keesler Field, Miss., following a furlough spent in Bethlehem and his home town, Urichsville, Ohio. He passed the necessary tests and was assigned to a squadron for training. He enjoyed himself at Keesler since members of the squad-



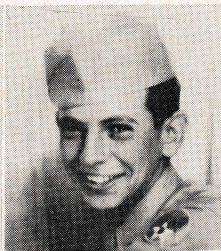
Lieut. Oplinger was trained and commissioned at Ft. Monmouth, N. J., Signal Corps base, and was in Great Britain for eight months. He has been in service about two years.

★ *Pvt. Thomas F. Keim* has finished his basic training at Keesler Field, Miss., and when last heard from was expecting assignment to radio school. He writes that he finds the Air Force work extremely interesting and that he is quite happy in his duties.

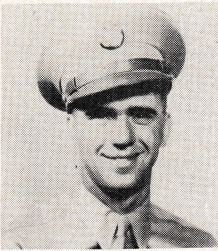
★ A recent visitor in Bethlehem was *Corp. James R. Brown*, who spent a seven-day furlough with his mother, Mrs. Flora Brown, 39 West Ettwein



Theodore J. Keim



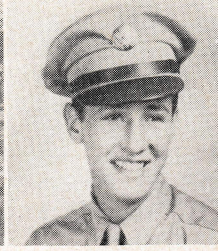
Albert Nonnemacher



Gordon Moyer



Earl Leonard



James Wright



Thomas Hensinger

★ Congratulations to *Sgt. Tech. Paul C. Frey, Jr.*, Bethlehem flier who is making good. Sgt. Frey has informed his family here that he has received the air medal and an oak leaf cluster for outstanding achievement in the line of duty. He's a member of the Eighth Army and one of three brothers, all sons of Mr. and Mrs. Paul C. Frey, 1003 Main Street, serving the colors.

★ Presently stationed at Wendover Field, Utah, is *Lieut. William A. Buchecker*, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Buchecker, 1033 Main Street, a navigator on a Liberator bombing plane. Lieut. Buchecker entered the service in May of 1941 and has been stationed successively at Camp Shelby, Miss., Camp Sutton, Monroe,

ron were men home from duty overseas for further training.

★ *Robert J. Weiss*, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Weiss, is an air cadet at Nashville, Tenn. Inducted July 6, 1943, he trained at Greensboro, N. C., and attended Lynchburg College. He was classified and sent to Nashville at the close of his work at Lynchburg. He is a graduate of LHS and attended Lehigh and was a member of the band at both institutions. Let's hope he is managing to keep up the band work somehow.

★ Although actually a member of the Signal Corps, *Lieut. Harold D. Oplinger* is attached to the Air Forces at Drew Field, Tampa, Fla., so we are putting him under the latter head. He is engaged in training recruits.

Street. Corp. Brown is presently stationed at Grande Island, Neb. He is a graduate of the Airforces Mechanical school at Lincoln, Neb., and of the Vultee works at San Diego, Calif.

★ Here's news of *William McCullough*, an air cadet. In a letter to friends here he says he enlisted in the Signal Corps April 23, was sent from Ft. Meade reception center to Camp Crowder, Mo., for his basic and that he went to radio operator school there. He asked for transfer to the air corps as an air cadet and was qualified and is now in Florida. He formerly was rated a corporal. McCullough says he and his buddies lived in an apartment at Miami Beach, "just like going to college." His present post is not given.



Wilbur Hoffert



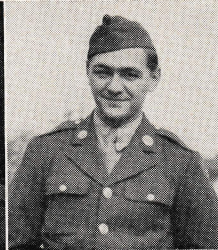
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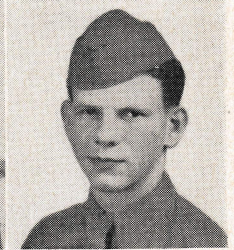
Norman Hartzell



Eldridge Oberly



Paul E. Kuklentz



Robert J. Weiss

THE ARMY IN THE AIR---continued

★ *Lieut. Donald Bachman* is stationed at Greenville, Miss., Army Air field at the present.

★ *Al Nonnemacher* is a private in the AAF and still in the U. S.

★ *Pvt. George Pali, Jr.*, has completed his preliminary training at Greensboro and has been sent to Elan College, N. C., the army air corps school. His wife, the former Louise Latham, hopes to be able to locate near there at Burlington, N. C.

★ Latest word of *Eldridge Oberly*, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Oberly, Washington Avenue, is that he was in the student reception pool at Harlingen Field, Texas.

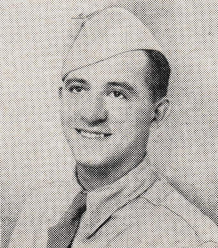
★ *Willard Hess* is a private first class and a radio operator on a B-17 bomber at Truax Field, Madison, Wis. His father is Preston Hess.

★ *Dick Sotzing*, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Sotzing, Sycamore Street, is stationed at Ellington Field, Texas.

★ *Pfc. Thomas "Tommy" Hensinger*, who trained in surgery at O'Reilly General Hospital, Springfield, Mo., is now permanently attached to the Fourth Air Force at Muroc, California. Tommy was inducted January 21, 1943, left Bethlehem on the 28th, took his basic training at Kearns, Utah and his special at O'Reilly. He was first attached to the Second Air Force at Pocatello, Idaho, then, on December 4, was sent to his present outfit where he is a member of the medical unit.



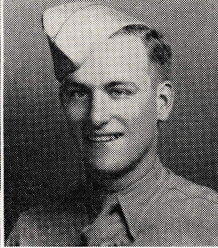
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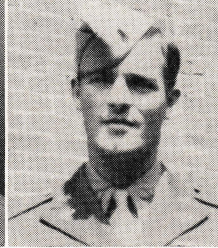
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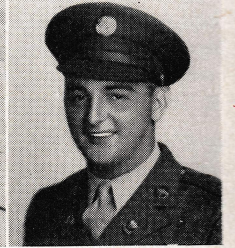
Robert Cassell



R. E. Becker



William Buchecker



Arlington Shearer

★ Friends of *William D. "Bill" Randall*, Moravian College '42, will be glad to know that he has been advanced to corporal. He's a radio operator in the AAF and is stationed at a large air base in Africa. At present he is flying on a huge transport plane to many parts of the African theatre of war. When last heard from Bill had over 500 air hours to his credit. He enlisted shortly after his graduation from college and is now nearing his second year of service in the AAF.

★ *Staff Sgt. Paul Kunsman* of St. Paul's E. & R. Church, is somewhere overseas in the Air Corps.

★ *Pfc. William H. Gottschall* finished his basic training at Greensboro, N. C., and is now located at Tyndall Field, Florida, where he is doing some test flying.

★ A dual ambition spurs *Norman R. Hartzell*, aviation cadet, on to his best efforts—he wants to become a pilot and he is looking forward to those single gold bars on his shoulders. Hartzell is attending Duquesne University at Pittsburgh. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hartzell, 225 West Greenwich Street.

★ *Pfc. Seth T. Williams, Jr.* is at present at Richmond Air Base, Richmond, Va., with a fighter group. He got there in round-about fashion for he was graduated as a photographer December 12, 1943 at Lowry Field, where he was attached to the Technical School squadron, and went to Huntington Park, Cal., on a delayed route. He spent Christmas with his fiancé, Miss Louise Ware, and was in Bethlehem for the New Year holiday with his parents. Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Williams, 69 West Greenwich Street. January 3 he reported to Mitchell Field, spent a week at Hempstead and is now at Richmond.

★ *A/C Carl F. Rice* is still in the states.

★ From Brazil, South America, we hear that *George Fenner* is serving as radio operator. Other information is lacking.

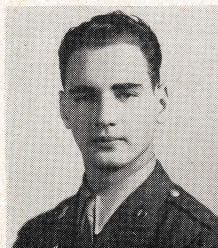
★ On the last lap of his training, *Air Cadet James Ottinger* calls Stuttgart Airfield, Stuttgart, Okla., "home" for the time being.

★ *Pfc. Donald Hartzell* is serving with a bomb squadron at Blythe, Calif.

★ Another member of the Air Forces Medical Detachment is *Corp. Wilbur E. Hoffert*, a dental technician. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Hoffert, Sr., 113 East Union Boulevard, and entered the service January 28th, 1943, the same time as Hensinger. He also trained at Kearns, Utah, and was then sent to Fort Sam Houston, Texas, for his work in dental technique. While there he was made a corporal. When he completed his work at Houston, he was sent to Buckley Field, Calif., where he is taking further training.

★ Latest word received of *Robert E. Miller*, was that he was leaving Scott Field. A graduate of L.H.S. and Penn State, Miller joined the Air Force. He is married to a daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Elmer Kidd who has been teaching Latin at Red Hill. He is the son of the late Robert E. Miller and Mrs. Miller. The latter resides at 827 West Market Street. He's a member of Holy Trinity.

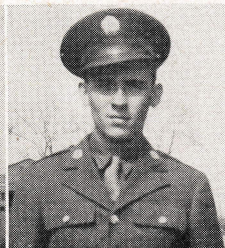
★ *Air Cadet Russell Simonson* is now at Gunter Field, Ala. He started at Atlantic City, was sent to Williamsport and then to Nashville, Tenn. He's a Holy Trinity member.



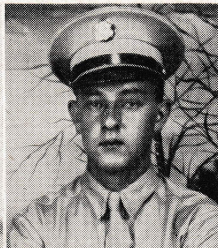
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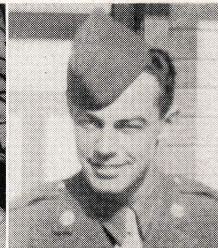
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Robert E. Miller

THE ARMY IN THE AIR---concluded

★ *Cpl. Bob Cassell*, now with the Airforce in England, puts in a good word for the ground men, without whom, he says, "we could not possibly operate. They are really the men who keep us flying." He should know for he is a tail gunner on a B-26 Maurauder. Cassell is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cassell, 534 Tenth Avenue. He entered the AAF in July 1942 and trained successively at Miami Beach, and Ohio State University at Columbus, where he became an aircraft machinist and received his wings in November. Thereafter he was stationed at Bowman Field, Louisville, Ky.; Bare Field, Ft. Wayne, Ind., and Syracuse Army Air Base, Syracuse, N. Y. At Syracuse he seized an opportunity to become a tail gunner and now is both that and flight mechanic on his plane.

His last station in this country was Ft. Dix, N. J., but before he went overseas he got home for three nice visits, one at Christmas, one on his birthday in July and the third in September 1943.

Those of us who have read the fabulous adventures of Robin Hood will remember the Sheriff of Nottingham. Bob evidently did, for he paid a visit to the famous town. He likes England and speaks highly of the people. He should be at home in the churches there, for he is a member of Nativity Episcopal congregation.

★ Like many another Airforce man, *Gordon Moyer* has spent most of his Army life since joining the service January 13, 1943, moving about the country. At Miami Beach he received his basic training; at Lowry Field, Colo., he trained as an aerial armament man. From there, May 1, he left for aerial gunner school at Tyndall Field, Fla. At Tyndall he received his sergeant's stripes.

Next he hit Salt Lake City, Utah, and while there was accepted as an air cadet, so back he went to Miami Beach. After a brief interval he landed at Oklahoma A & M for a two-months course in math, physics, etc.

Now he is at San Antonio, Texas, at a reclassification center, where he was classified as a pilot. He expects to

remain there for his preflight studies.

Gordon led a double life before entering the service, for he was a Lehigh student by day and a heat checker and test man for the Bethlehem Steel Co. by night. He toots the clarinet with no mean skill and used to play with the Fountain Hill High band, the Fountain Hill Legion band and the Bethlehem Municipal Band. He is a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church and its Luther League.

★ Now at Jefferson Barracks, Mo., *Pfc. Arlington R. Shearer* is putting to good use the training he received in aeroplane mechanics at Springfield, Mass. Shearer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Shearer, 1404 Linden Street, was inducted April 2, 1943 and received his basic training at Atlantic City. He recently enjoyed a nine day furlough and visited his parents and friends here. Ray is a member of Salem Lutheran Church and Sunday School and formerly was employed as a crane operator at the Bethlehem Steel press forge. He sends his regards to his friends.

★ *Robert Bieber*, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. I. Bieber, of West Greenwich Street, is in the Air Corps at Miami Beach, Florida.

Melting Pot

★ Latest about *Robert H. Gregg*, son of Mr. and Mrs. James A. Gregg, 1115 Main Street, is that he has been advanced to storekeeper 3/c. He has been stationed for the past year at Camp Bradford, Norfolk, Va. Prior to entering the Navy he was a student at Moravian College. Bainbridge, Md., was his first post and he got his first taste of Navy life there. He saw his folks for a weekend in December.

★ Now in training at Sampson, N. Y., *James Reiser*, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Reiser, Sr., 408 New Street, Freemansburg, is learning the Navy way of doing things. He left for service December 28.

★ After having been in the Pacific theatre of war for two years without respite, *Lieut. Vivian H. Moses* is enjoying a well-earned tour of duty in this country, being at present at Orange, Texas, to which place he was sent January 1. His wife, the former Doreen McLean, whom he married when he first came back from the battle front, is residing in Norwich, Conn., with her parents.

★ *Richard Smith*, son of Mrs. H. P. Smith, is in the Naval program at Bloomsburg Teachers. His brother *Don* is at Annapolis.

★ *Brand Krueger*, S 2/c, is connected with the Navy Air Facilities at Columbus, Ohio. It is said that he admits he joined the Navy to be a sailor, but at present is Jehu to the wives of officers about Columbus. (In case you're not hep to Jehu, he was a warrior and king of ancient Israel who drove his chariots with a good deal of vim and enthusiasm.) Latest assignment has been delivering the mail with his six-foot carcass stowed in a midget Crosley car!

★ Stars is informed that *Frederick A. Reinard*, S 1/c, is a member of a gun crew aboard a merchant vessel. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Reinard, 328 Spring Street, he entered the service June 15, 1943, took his boot training at Sampson, was sent to Norfolk, Va., in September and a short time after that to Brooklyn, N. Y., where he was stationed four weeks before getting his present assignment.

★ *Lt. (j.g.) B. F. MacMahon, Jr.*, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. MacMahon, Chestnut Street, surprised his parents and friends by appearing in Bethlehem after having spent many months in PT boat service in the South Pacific. He has been assigned to a Rhode Island station.

★ *J. Richard Scheetz*, GM 3/c, has been assigned to the USS O'Reilly. Wonder if they live the "life o' Reilly" on said ship! Whatever it may be—good hunting!

★ *Albert Strohl*, brother-in-law to Kreuger, is an apprentice seaman at Sampson, N. Y., where he is nearing the end of his boot training. His company was recently accorded special privileges as the cleanest on board, which speaks well for Al and his buddies.

★ The marriage of *Pvt. Bruce R. Hagey*, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hagey, Montclair Avenue, Bethlehem, and *Catherine Bergey*, of HELLertown, was solemnized November 24, at 9 p. m. in the Park Memorial Methodist Church at Norfolk, Va. The Rev. Mr. Sturdivant officiated. Corp. Wolfe gave the bride in marriage and the entire company of which Pvt. Hagey is a member turned out for the ceremony. The bride remained at camp until December 5, when she returned to Bethlehem to reside with her parents for the duration.

★ *Floyd Schlamb*, son of Mrs. Luther Snyder, East North street, is getting his boot training at Sampson. *Robert Coleman*, son of Mr. and Mrs. Furman Coleman, 10th Ave., is also there.

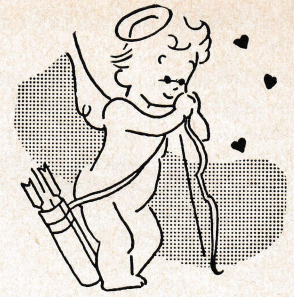


Harold Oplinger

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DAN CUPID'S DEPARTMENT

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



★ These Southern belles are making inroads into the boys from Bethlehem, it seems, for Stars learns that *Lieut. John W. Young, Jr.*, U.S. Army Airforces, married *Miss Mary Alice Alexander*, daughter of C. O. Alexander of Central, S. C., November 27, 1943. The ceremony was performed by Chaplain Fiske, AAF. Hope you all are happy as turtle doves!

Lieut. Young graduated from Officer Candidate school at Miami Beach, Fla., and was commissioned a second lieutenant December 11, 1943. He has been assigned to a troop carrier group at Alliance Air Field, Alliance, Neb.

★ Dan Cupid chalked up another couple on his slate in January when, at a candlelight service at 7:30 p. m. January 10 in St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, *Joyce Lynn* and *Sea-Bee Emmett Adinolfi* were united in the bonds of matrimony by Pastor William C. Berkemeyer.

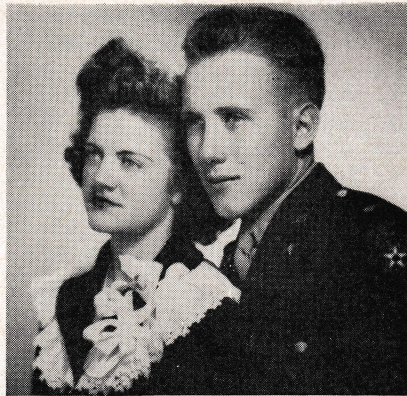
Miss Lynn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Martin W. Lynn, 1122 Maple Street, was given in marriage by her father. Her gown was of white satin and she wore a fingertip veil caught with a wreath of traditional orange blossoms. She carried a white prayer book with pale lavender orchid marker.

Her aunt, Miss Dorothy Seifert, maid of honor, wore yellow taffeta. The four bridesmaids, Misses Betty Diehl and Corrine Seifert in blue, and Misses Frances Rice and Grace Baily in pink, wore similar style gowns of taffeta and net with gold coronet head dresses and carried Colonial bouquets. Nancy Carol Lynn was her sister's flower girl and was dressed in peach taffeta. Her flowers were a small Colonial nosegay.

James DeCarl of Uniontown was Mr. Adinolfi's best man and Alvin Weidl, Milton Weimer, Joseph McAndrews and Homer Adinolfi were ushers. William H. Lynn, uncle of the bride, played the organ and Mrs. John Young, her aunt, sang.

A reception in the church social rooms followed the ceremony. There was a large wedding cake as centerpiece of the decorations. The couple honeymooned in New York.

★ Stars is informed that *Pvt. John Patton*, Freemansburg, and *Miss Ruth N. Mills* of Louisville, Ky., will be married on Valentine's Day. Patton has spent fourteen months in the Army, six of them in the four Army hospitals as the results of a brain concussion suffered in an accident.



Reading from top to bottom: Lieut. and Mrs. J. W. Young, Lieut. and Mrs. Charles Nafe; Ensign and Mrs. Charles Redline, Sea-Bee and Mrs. Emmett Adinolfi.

★ It's too bad we don't have the room to really go into details about all the fripperies and frills that go with a wedding—at least for the sake of Stars' feminine readers. But we don't, so we will be brief in telling about the marriage of *Miss Marion Muhr* and *Ensign Charles S. Redline*.

The knot was tied at 2 p. m. Sunday, December 12, in St. Peter's Lutheran Church by the Rev. Corson C. Snyder, D.D., pastor. It was a double ring ceremony. The bride was given in marriage by her father, Mr. Claude S. Redline, and wore a gown of white slipper satin, veil of fingertip illusion with illusion "sweetheart" bonnet edged in lace and carried a white Bible with orchid and bouvardia streamers.

Her attendants were Mrs. John Muhr, sister-in-law, matron of honor, in ruby taffeta; Miss Helen Redline, sister of the bridegroom, in topaz gold taffeta, and Miss Dorothy Muhr, niece of the bride, in emerald green, maids of honor. Mary Ann Muhr, another niece of the bride, flower girl, was in white taffeta.

Merrit Deysler, brother-in-law of Ensign Redline, was his best man, and Corp. Walter Muhr and John Muhr, brothers of the bride, were ushers.

Miss Marion Beck, organist, gave a recital before the ceremony and Mrs. William Doorley was soloist.

A reception for the immediate families of the couple was held in Windish Lutheran Hall after the ceremony, after which the bridal pair left for Norfolk, Va., where Ensign Redline was to await orders.

★ A wedding of interest in Freemansburg and Hellertown took place September 4 when *John H. LaBar*, petty officer third class, U.S.N., of the former place, and *Miss Verna Miller*, Hellertown R. D. 1, were married by the Rev. Paul Strauch in the parsonage of Trinity Evangelical and Reformed Church. John has been in the service four years and was at Pearl Harbor when it was attacked. Our Freemansburg correspondent hazards the guess that his wife will do no cooking when he comes home for good, for he is a cook on a PT boat.

MORE ABOUT DANIEL CUPID

★ Wednesday, November 3 in the First Baptist Church of Anderson, S. C., a Bethlehem soldier, *Pvt. Bertine E. Kratzer, Jr.*, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Kratzer, 336 West Street, took unto himself a bride in the person of *Miss Nellie Hardaway Barton*, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Gerald Barton, of Anderson. The Rev. Dr. F. C. McConnell tied the nuptial knot.

The bride wore the traditional white and carried a huge shower bouquet. She was given in marriage by her father and was attended by Miss Betty Ballantine, maid of honor; Miss Miriam Sanders, and Mrs. Paul Earwaker as bridesmaids. Rose Anne Jeter was flower girl.

Mr. Kratzer was best man to his son and the ushers were Percy Craton, Robert Burriss, Dr. Carl Jeter, and Oliver Norwood.

A reception followed at the home of the bride's parents where Mr. and Mrs. Kratzer received with Mr. and Mrs. Barton.

This wedding is of particular interest to members of Salem Lutheran Church, of which *Pvt. Kratzer* is a member.

★ *Sally Ann Johnson* and her husband, *Staff Sergeant Charles Johnson*, were together for the Christmas holidays at Victoria, Kansas. If you doubt that they enjoyed themselves, take another look at the picture of the newly-weds and be convinced. Mrs. Johnson was Sally Ann Geisinger, remember?

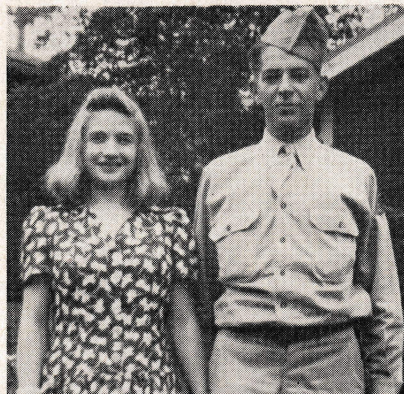
★ Another wedding of interest in Bethlehem, especially among Business College classmates of *Kathryn Wohlbach*, is her marriage to *Lieut. Joseph H. Heller, Jr.*, in the late Fall at Starke, Florida. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. G. S. Powell of the First Methodist Church in Starke. The couple are residing in that town while *Lieut. Heller* is on duty at Camp Blanding.

★ When *James H. Neumeyer, RM 3/c* was home on a furlough recently his engagement to *Miss Bernadine Waldron*, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Waldron, 1502 West North Street, was announced. Petty Officer Neumeyer is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Neumeyer, 1426 Easton Avenue, and he and his bride-to-be are members of Edgeboro Moravian Church. He is at present with the Coast Guard in Florida.

★ We hear that *Corp. Allen Chinn*, stationed at Ft. Meyer, Va., has taken unto himself a Washington, D. C., girl as his bride. Best wishes.

★ *Miss Kathryn Barber*, Bethlehem R. D. 4, and *Arthur Jones S 1/c*, Shenandoah, were married at the parsonage of Trinity Church, Freemansburg, by the Rev. Paul Strauch, November 26, 1943. Mrs. Jones is employed in the mail room of the Bethlehem Steel new plant office and resides with her mother in Steel City. Seaman Jones is now stationed at Ottumwa, Iowa, at the Naval air station. He enlisted in October of 1942.

★ Somewhat late to Stars comes the news of the marriage of *Sgt. Richard E. Reese* and *Miss Doris Wolford*,



Reading from top to bottom: Lieut. and Mrs. Joseph H. Heller, Jr., Sgt. and Mrs. R. E. Reese, S/Sgt. and Mrs. Charles W. Johnson.

who were married September 18, 1943 in the Baptist Temple parsonage in Louisville, Ky. The bride was at the time a nurse in the Methodist Hospital in Louisville. Her home is Campbellsville, Ky. The couple were residing at Ft. Smith, Ark., as Sgt. Reese is stationed at Camp Chaffee. They met while the sergeant was at Fort Knox. He has been in service since June 1, 1942.

★ Mr. and Mrs. Harry R. Crout-hamel, of 233 East Union Street, announced the engagement of their daughter, *Miss Dorothy B. Crout-hamel*, to *Pvt. Delbert C. Hausman*, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hausman, 227 East Garrison street.

Miss Crouthamel is a graduate of Liberty High School, class of 1941, and is employed in the metallurgical pyrometer department of the Bethlehem Steel Company. She is a member of the choir of St. Paul's Evangelical and Reformed Church.

Pvt. Hausman was graduated as an airplane mechanic at Keesler Field, Miss., in November of last year, 1942, was transferred to the Ford plant at Ypsilanti, Mich., and is now with a bombing squadron in the Pacific area. He was a deacon of the St. Paul's Evangelical and Reformed Church. He was also a member of the choir and served as Secretary of the Church School.

★ A marriage long contemplated but planned and executed in the space of two days was that of *Lieut. Charles Nafe* and *Miss Helen E. Drissel* at 2 o'clock Sunday, January 9th, in Edgeboro Moravian Church, the Rev. Reuben Gross officiating.

Lieut. Nafe, so the story goes, 'phoned his fiance Friday evening, remarking "you don't know who this is", to which Helen replied, "I know who it sounds like, but it can't be!" (Lt. Nafe had been in Iceland and England for a long period of time).

"Well, it is who you think it is," replied the lieutenant.

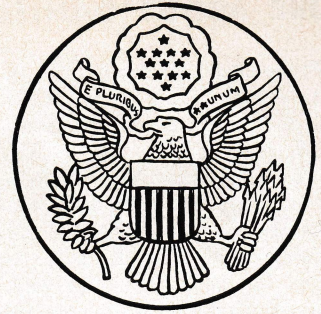
So they planned their marriage and it was as pretty a one as if ten days or ten weeks had been spent on it. The bride was gowned in the traditional white satin with finger-tip veil and halo of orange blossoms. She carried white pompons, orchids and bouvardia. Her father, Jacob K. Drissel, gave her away.

Her matron of honor was Mrs. William J. Manner, who wore Nile green taffeta and net and carried yellow daffodils and pink snapdragons. Mr. Manner was best man to *Lieut. Nafe*.

The honeymoon was spent in New York. As this is written *Lieut. Nafe* is enjoying a long leave at home.

THE ARMY ON THE HOME LOAM

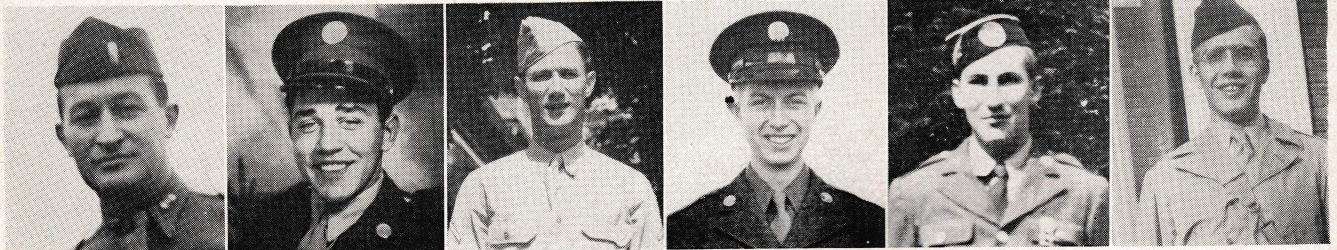
"O'er the Land of the Free and the Home of the Brave"



★ *Sgt. Martin Tomanchik*, with a Tank Destroyer Battalion at Camp Hood, Texas, remembers his congregation with frequent gifts. We mention this to show that the young men in the services are vitally interested in having the churches at home, kept up, and hope to find them improved on their return. Pastor Daniel reports that he writes often to the Church and his mother, Mrs. Anna Tomanchik, Hellertown.

★ *Lieut. Harry Hydusik*, U. S. Army at Pasadena, California, recently was able to get in touch with *Sgt. John Yaniga* of the Marines, stationed at Oceanside, Cal., a fellow member of St. John's Slovak Lutheran Church, and they spent a few days together. Seems that no matter where they may be, the bonds binding together Bethlehemites cannot be easily broken. Hope it was a nice party boys.

★ *Cpl. Lloyd Lewis*, has been on maneuvers with the Medical Detachment of a Clearing Co., with mail going to Elkins, West Virginia. He's moved so much, we hope that his address by now is still the same.



Jack Dennis

William Groza

Kermit Judd

Ray C. Evans

Walter Kessler

William Heimbrook

★ *Pvt. Charles D. Hagey* is in Ft. Jackson, N. C. He has done much traveling since he entered the service and surely should be qualified to give a travel talk when he gets home.

★ A frequent visitor to the home town is *Corp. Bob Landrock*, now stationed at Edgewater Arsenal, Md. Could there be a super-duper attraction in Bethlehem? speculates the sage.

★ Still on duty at the University of Florida, *Pfc. Billy Reppert* reportedly is chewing his finger nails with chagrin that he is not sent overseas. Of course, this is only rumor.

★ *Pfc. Joseph Skulteti*, of Georgia, writes to the Young Peoples Group of St. John Slovak Lutheran Church, that he is learning Italian from the prisoners he M. P.'s and is teaching them Slovak and English. He maintains that they all get along well and that such activity makes his work more pleasant.

★ Steady improvement in the condition of *Pfc. Clarence S. Williams*, confined to the hospital at Amarillo Field, Texas, is the latest report of him.

★ Now studying at the University of Illinois is *Pvt. William Heimbrook*, LHS '43 and a member of St. Paul's Reformed Church. He recently completed basic at Greensboro, N. C. Since he used to sing in the church choir, it is to be hoped he has the opportunity now to exercise that talent. He also was secretary of the church school.

★ *Pvt. Andrew Wida* reports from California that between maneuvers and visiting Hollywood movie stars they keep him well occupied. He says its hot down here. Why? Desert or the "Stars"? His many friends, however, are grateful that he is an assiduous correspondent. His letters to family and friends are welcome gems.

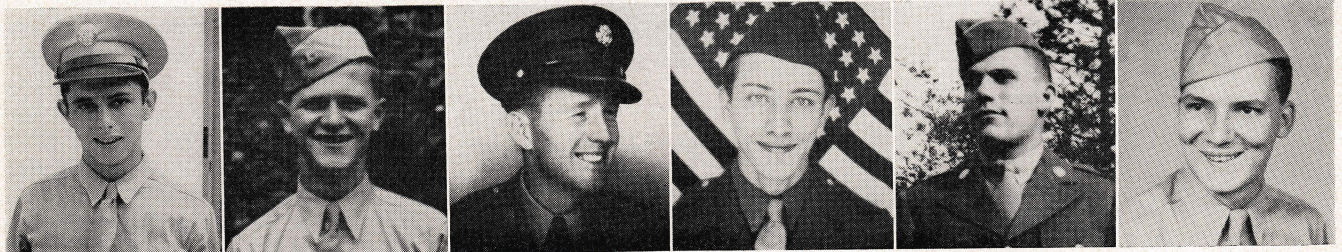
★ Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Taylor, 209 Broadway, recently had as their guest while he was on a two week furlough *Sgt. Joseph A. Terrell* of Camp Ellis, Ill. It is rumored quite on the q.t. that the sergeant has intentions matrimonial.

★ *Corp. Ray F. Campbell*, Camp Swift, Texas, has discovered that the Army has taught him many useful things.

★ News of *Pvt. Gilbert W. Dickert* is that he is with an artillery unit at Camp Gruber, Okla. He took basic at Ft. Bragg, N. C. Gilbert is married to the former Grace Barthold of 1118 Orchard Street. He is an uncle of A/C Norman Hartzell.

★ Of *Pvt. William Lewis Stars* hears that he has been transferred to radio school at Jacksonville, Fla. He celebrated his 19th birthday December 13. At Jacksonville he is a member of the choir of the church at the Naval Air station.

★ *Pfc. Paul Kolesar*, sporting his first stripe, was a fortunate young man, who brought much joy to his family, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Kolesar, Jennings Avenue, because he was permitted to spend the Christmas holidays at home. He looks well, and is more than satisfied with his state, whether it is Tennessee, Pennsylvania, or North Carolina where he last hailed from. We suspect, after a confidential conversation, reports his pastor, Rev. John Daniel, that he will soon be moving into a state of greater activity. That fine hunting knife from the brother-in-law should be very handy.



Walter Creitz

Roger Hartley

Joseph Skulteti

Morris Brunner, Jr.

John Andrews

Lloyd Lewis

THE ARMY AT HOME---continued

★ As this note is written *Henry Knechel*, son of Mr. and Mrs. Asa Knechel, 300 East Market Street, is expected home from his Alaskan camp any day.

★ *Pfc. Walter Kline*, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kline, High Street, has left the west coast. His brother *Richard* is now at Fort Bragg. He is in S A R T C, if you know what we mean!

★ *Frederick S. Batsford*, formerly of the accounting department at Steel, has a corporal's rating and is in the Headquarters at Fort Ord, California.

★ By this time *Lieut. John Dennis* may be overseas, but last word of him had him stationed at Camp Shenendoah, Greenville, Pa. At the time Jack had added some weight. His friends in Fritz Memorial church wish him the best of luck, wherever he may be.

★ Learning to be an officer at the Officer Candidate School, Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md., *Harold Haas, Jr.* may, by this time, have received his commission. At least he must be close to it. He entered the service June 1, 1942. He's the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Haas, 516 Oakwood Street, Easton, a graduate of E. H. S., a member of St. Johns Lutheran Church, Easton, and a former Bethlehem Steel employee.

★ *Pfc. Harry Stonum* is in charge of photography work at Ft. George Meade, Md. Experience in his father's studio no doubt is standing him in good stead now.

★ Here's another Bethlehem lad at the University of Illinois, *Pvt. Walter M. Creitz*. Bethlehem High, 1942, is his alma mater. His first army experience came at Greensboro, N. C. He is a member of St. Paul's.

★ Word has been received that *William H. Fetzer* has been advanced to sergeant. He is stationed, after duty in Panama, at Alamogorda, New Mexico.



Kenneth Bauer



Howard Erney



George Strohl

★ *Pfc. Paul Alexy* in his Liberty High days used to play first trumpet in the band. Now he is stationed at Camp Patrick Henry, Newport News, Va., and although we are not told, we suppose he is triple tonguing the old horn down there. He's the son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Alexy, Ettwein Street; a graduate of L.H.S. and attended Lehigh U. before Uncle Sam reached out and grabbed him and stuffed him into a uniform.

★ *Master Sergeant Kenneth Bauer*, son of Mrs. Valentine Bauer, 731 Seventh Avenue, and member of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, has been in the Army since World War 1. He is now in charge of the theatre at Fort Benning, Ga. Can any other church boast of longer service for a church member-soldier? asks Pastor Lotz.

★ *Morris Brunner, Jr.*, has been hanging his hat at Camp Wheeler, Ga., up to the time of this writing. He was inducted last October 14. His friends in Emmanuel E-C Church wish him luck. His parents live on Union Street.

★ *M/Sgt. Robert Davies* recently spent a well-deserved 23-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Davies, 1538 Center Street. He served two years in the Atlantic war zone. Now he is at Camp Polk, La.

★ *Lt. Andrew Baldwin* has been transferred from Ft. Belvoir, Va., to Granite City, Ill. Everyone wishes him luck, wherever he may go.

★ *Thorpe Mayes, Jr.*, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Mayes, North New street, has been advanced to the rank of major.

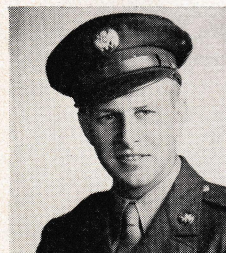
★ From *Peter Lukehart's* pastor, the Rev. Roger Enloe, Stars has gleaned this story. It seems that Pete's father and mother were in Pittsburgh recently to see him, arriving just in time for a big parade on a Friday afternoon. They watched the parade for their son, but for a long time failed to see him. Then he came by, marching at the head of a cadet company and within a few paces of them shouted "column right!" and marched away. Afterwards he remarked to his mother, "At the proudest moment of my life, there you were crying!" for his mother had burst into tears when she saw him march past.

It came out afterwards that Pete was singled out for cadet captain because of his fine grades and appointed by his lieutenant for efficiency on the drill field. He was chosen "cadet of the week" out of 1,000 men at the Air School, University of Pittsburgh. Now he is in Nashville, Tenn., along with *Robert Siftar*.

★ From San Francisco, Calif., comes word from *Pvt. Melvin Johnson* that he is "learning much that can be put to use when the war is over." *Pvt. Johnson* is with the coast artillery. He enjoyed a visit home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Solomon Johnson, 615 Carlton Avenue, around Christmas time.

★ *Pvt. LeRoy Smith* writes home from overseas that he would rather be in the service than out.

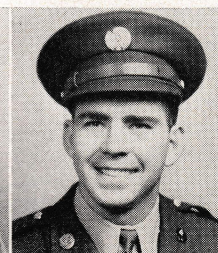
★ Latest information about *Pvt. Robert Weierbach* is that he is busy as a surgical technician at Camp Grant, Ill., in the 103rd General Hospital, and that he finds his work there interesting. *Weierbach* is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Weierbach, 523 South Bergen Street, a graduate of Fountain Hill High school in June of '43 and was inducted July 10. After a three-week stay at New Cumberland he was sent to Camp Barkley, Texas. On October 8 he was sent to El Paso, where he attended technical school at the William Beaumont General Hospital in the surgical unit. Back home he was active as a member of First E & R Church and in its Young Peoples' work.



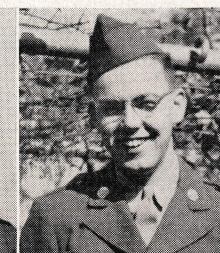
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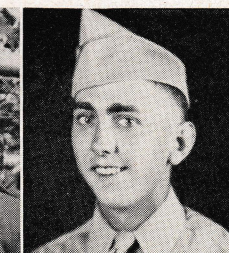
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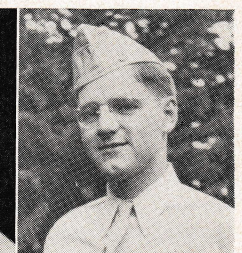
Harold Haas



Paul Alexy



Robert Weierbach



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THE ARMY AT HOME---concluded

★ *Corp. Edgar Thomas* only recently received his present rating. He is attending Radar School at Corpus Christi, Texas. He attended Utah State College prior to going to the Lone Star State.

★ *Hamilton Carothers* graduated from Officer Candidate School in New Orleans the first day of December 1943. He said the school was so tough that when he got his commission in his hands he "felt as if the war was over." Coming home on a visit he was forced off the plane by a priority holder at Pensacola, Fla., so he visited his brother, Neil at the Naval Air Training base there. Hamilton is now in San Francisco, Calif., with the Transportation Corps and not long ago enjoyed a visit from his brother, Stuart, recently arrived in the far west from Arkansas, where he is stationed.

★ *Lieut. Dale Camberlain, Jr.*, after a long stay in Denver, Colo., was home for a Christmas visit with family and friends. Afterwards he went back to Denver, but did not expect to be there long.

★ *Harry W. Mann, Jr.*, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Mann, Elizabeth Avenue, former Liberty High and Moravian football star—is at Fort Bragg.

★ *Pvt. Robert E. Peters, Jr.*, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Peters, Spring Street, is recuperating from an operation at Camp Blanding, Florida.

★ *Corp. Forrest Speck* is at Fresno, Calif. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George Speck, 626 Second Avenue, a graduate of Liberty High and a member of Holy Trinity.

★ It appears that *Pvt. Curtis Z. Keim* didn't hide his light under a bushel and now he is putting to good use his ability to play the organ, for at Camp Lee, Va., he is playing for Sunday morning chapel services. He's a member of the Quartermaster Corps. New Year's Day he gave his family a treat by phoning greetings.

★ The last time *Pfc. Ray E. Evans* was home he told the folks he has gained some poundage and added a bit to his height. He also boasted his first stripe, which he received last November 1. Ray graduated with better-than-average marks from the school for clerks at Camp Pickett, Va., and was assigned to the 93rd General Hospital at Ft. George G. Meade as clerk in the medical receiving office. He's an LHS graduate and a former Steel employee.

★ *Pfc. Albert Johnson* is back in Texas again. He just can't seem to stay in the North, although he was in Salt Lake City long enough to sing with the Mormon Choir on a Sunday. His last letter from Salt Lake showed that he didn't know if his next move would require snow shoes or a sun helmet. He also wrote that he has found the Mormon folk kind and hospitable.

★ *Corpl. Robert Brotzman* is working next door to the home town, for he is attached to the induction center at the Allentown postoffice building. Recently he was loaned to the Aviation Cadets enlistment service to give examinations to high school students. He expected to return to the induction center shortly.

★ *Pvt. Paul Crossan, Jr.* spent the Christmas holiday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Crossan, 633 Smiley Avenue, and greeted his old friends at Edgeboro Moravian. He is stationed with the ASTP at Providence College, Providence, R. I.

★ *Pvt. Elmer W. Green* is in the Medical Corps and part of a new Airborne division at Fort Bragg, N. C. *Walter G. Green*, a cousin, is in the U. S. Marines and attending school in Memphis, Tenn.

★ St. John's Lutheran Church (Slovak) was saddened to hear at the beginning of the year that *Pfc. Albert Yurack* was hospitalized for a time. His condition at last report is very much improved, for which his family and the congregation are grateful to the Lord.

★ Accompanying the picture of *Pvt. William Groza* is a brief story stating that he is a graduate in Judo, U. S. Army art of self-defense similar to the Japanese jujitsu. He is also a graduate of the school of weapons at Camp Whiteside, Ft. Riley, Kansas, and at the time the report was written he was still at Riley teaching recruits to drive "jeeps."

★ With the ASTP at the University of Oklahoma is *George Strohl*, now a private first class.

★ *Pvt. Elmer Smith* recently spent a furlough from Camp Swift with his folks in Bethlehem.

★ The ambition of *Corp. Robert E. Watson*, at present at Camp Des-Plaines, Joliet, Ill., is "to settle down at home and get married."

★ Promotion to corporal has come to *John O. Watson* at Camp Stewart, Ga.

★ *Pvt. Ernest "Bubbles" Enix* delighted his mother around the holidays by coming East from California for a visit. He looked fine.

★ *Pvt. Paul Pender* was home from California over the Christmas holidays and greeted family and friends at 320 Brodhead Avenue.

★ *Robert P. Weil, Jr.*, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Weil, 518 Tenth Avenue, is now in his country's uniform. He is married, his wife living at 455 High Street.

★ Mrs. Oliver Minnich, 74 West North Street, was the beneficiary of a 17-day leave which her husband, *Pfc. Oliver Minnich*, recently spent in Bethlehem. She is the former Betty Grube. Hubby is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Minnich, Sr., 1413 Center Street, and a member of Zion E & R church, where his friends greeted him when he was home.

★ *Cpl. Tech. Elwood Krier* wishes to make a correction of a previous issue of the Stars. He served as a former brakeman for the Reading Co. prior to his induction and not as a car inspector.

★ From the days of World War I we were told in the old song that, "The Medical Corps they held the line, with CC pills and Iodine." These days the Corps holds the line with hundreds of means unknown 25 years ago, and helping to do this important job is *Pfc. Kermit Judd*, who is stationed at Camp Bowie, Texas. Just as a bit of information "on the side," Kermit's wife, the former Virginia Ludwig, together with a big group of Emmanuel church girls, helped get the Christmas issue of Stars in the mail by addressing 2,000 envelopes. To get back to the point, Kermit is a graduate of Hellertown High and Bethlehem Business College. He entered the service December 9, 1942, from the Cost department of the BSCO.

★ Here's a lucky guy, for he is stationed at Lehigh University right in the old home town. Of course, some day he'll see foreign duty, but just now he can get a home-cooked meal now and then. He's *Pfc. John C. Andrews*, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Andrews, 826 Beverly Avenue, and he entered the service in June, '43. He trained at Ft. McClellan, Anniston, Ala., and was sent to Lehigh in October.

THE ARMY ON FOREIGN SOIL

To the Infantry, "Queen of Battles"



★ *E. H. Gregory*, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Gregory, has been made a sergeant. He is still in Panama. His twin brother *Jim* has finished his boot training at Sampson and is at Great Lakes Naval Training Station.

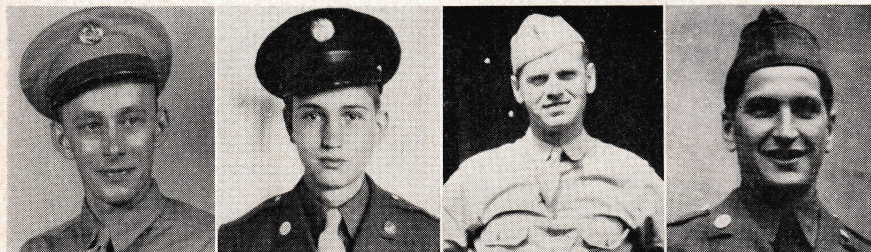
★ *Sgt. Robert B. Hampson*, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Hampson, who is in Special Service work, has gone down Aleutian way to help with the entertainment of groups there.

★ Reams and reams have been written about the dirty, dogging work the infantry is doing on the Italian front and from the pictures in the daily press it must be worse than the descriptions tell us. No doubt, when *Pfc. Joseph Schlener, Jr.*, comes home from that benighted land he will give us the real low-down. Joe was inducted May 7, 1943, trained at Camp Shelby, Miss., and at Ft. Meade replacement depot and was sent from

★ In an interesting letter to his family, *Sgt. Raymond Steager*, who is stationed in the Aleutians, describes how the men have constructed themselves a chapel in which to worship, and sent home a snapshot of it. It is a Quonset hut with walls and ceiling painted. The altar is constructed of scrap lumber, the cross and candle holders fashioned from shell casings, and the light reflectors are white-painted helmets from World War I days. One of the servicemen painted a picture of Christ. With these furnishings and with the chairs arranged on either side of an aisle, the little hut really looks like a church.

Sgt. Steager also described some of the amusements with which the men have provided themselves, and there are movies too. He sent his folks a Christmas-New Year's greeting by cablegram.

★ *M/Sgt. Vernon LaRose* finds life monotonous on his South Pacific isle, so his letters state, and he echoes what we hear these days from many men in service—"The war gives a man much time for thought and to weigh the relative values and to appreciate the things he always took for granted." Is the home front missing an important lesson? we query.



Carl Hohlock Stanley Frankenfield Edwin Faust John Steidinger

★ *Corp. Edwin M. Faust* is wearing the Purple Heart for wounds received in action near Naples, Italy, September 28, 1943 when a delayed action bomb exploded. He spent two months in a hospital in Africa and is at present doing clerical work at Allied Force headquarters in Africa. *Corp. Faust* entered the U. S. Service in May 1942 and trained at Ft. Meade. In May 1943, just one year later, he was sent overseas. Before entering the service he taught Latin and German in Whitehall Township High school. December 19, 1942 he and Virginia Felker, a Bethlehem girl, were married.

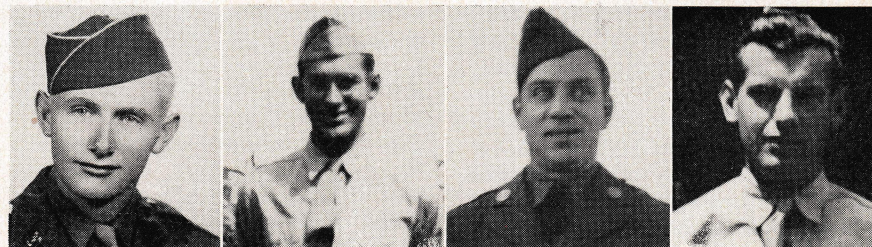
there overseas. He is the son of *Joseph Schlener, Sr.*, Vineyard Street. This information about him came from his aunt, *Mrs. Julius Schlener*, 1703 Watkins Street. Joe used to work in the office of No. 4 machine shop of Bethlehem Steel.

★ Now somewhere across the water, *Pfc. Lawrence Woodley* is making good use of the arts of war he was taught at Camp Croft, S. C. and Ft. Dix, N. J. A member of Salem Lutheran, he is the son of Mr. and

★ If *Pvt. Stanley Frankenfield* has his violin with him way out there in the South Pacific, perhaps he will never need one of those GI haircuts, but can let his locks grow like Fritz Kreisler. Stanley is a talented violinist and was soloist for the Moravian College glee club at the time he was called up for induction in his sophomore year. He also played for the Little Symphony in Allentown. So you see, with all this talent, he certainly should be able to twang the fiddle now and then for the edification of his mates. He's the son of Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Frankenfield and was inducted June 3, 1943, receiving his basic training at Camp Wheeler, Ga.

★ *Pvt. Carl G. Hohloch*, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hohloch, West North Street, is now safely overseas.

★ Reported in Bermuda now is *William Herzog, Jr.*, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Herzog, Sr.



Joseph Schlener, Jr. Robert Freudig Laurence Woodley Anthony Schoedler

Mrs. Joseph Woodley, 122 East Garrison Street.

★ It is possible that as this is written *Corp. Paul E. Kuklantz* may have returned to the U. S. from England for advanced gunnery training, for latest word was that he had volunteered for the course. *Corp. Kuklantz* entered the service July 30, 1942, took four months of basic at Buckley Field, Colo., and further training at Westover Field, Mass.; New Haven, Conn., Municipal Air Field; La Guardia Field, New York; Mitchell Field, L. I., and finally was sent to England about June 30, 1943. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kuklantz, 402 Prospect Avenue.

★ *Lieut. William S. Thompson* has an APO number now. Last report was that he had arrived safely in Africa. Where he is now is your guess.

★ Understand that *Pvt. Robert A. Freudig*, son of the August Freudigs of East Ettwein Street, is with the field artillery in Britain. It's a long way from Ft. Bragg, N. C., where he got his training.

★ England is just as he had pictured it in his mind for many years, writes *Pfc. Robert T. Fillman*, who recently arrived in the country of Johnny Bull. It's nice not to be disappointed, Bob.

THE ARMY OVERSEAS---concluded

★ *S. Kemp Boot*, a former resident of Bethlehem, with many friends here, is in a Q. M. Refrigeration Unit in North Africa. He has his first lieutenant's commission. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Boot, Mr. Boot is connected with the Bethlehem Steel Co. in the Chicago office.

★ *Jim Fraley's* Christmas greeting came from West Africa.

★ *S/Sgt. Arthur A. Andrews* is somewhere in Italy and information to Stars said at an airfield.

★ When *Pvt. Raymond I. Unangst* wrote home awhile back he said he was sleeping in a tent "somewhere in Italy." From reports in the current news, this sort of rugged outdoor life is something only a "toughie" can take - - .

★ Another College Hill boy in Italy is *Pvt. Roland C. Lynn*. He writes it is anything but the "sunny Italy" about which so many songs are composed and sung.

★ From Africa comes word from *Corp. Ralph Krier* that he and his mates had a good meal on Thanksgiving Day, including all the trimmings, and the afternoon off. That's getting the breaks!

★ *Sgt. Wilbur Fauntleroy* forwarded Christmas greetings from India to all his friends back home, including DeWitt Groves, who received mail from this Bethlehem soldier.

★ *Pfc. Peter Chovan*, is a St. Mark's Lutheran lad who writes home now and then of interesting experiences overseas. He is in the medical detachment and where he is stationed the mercury rises as high as 135 degrees and the work must be done under the protection of a tent. He says the men in his outfit get a big kick out of the natives, as these people have never seen our mechanized equipment with the result that their antics are better than a movie. The natives do most of the heavy work, Pete writes. He also says it is mighty lonely where he is and that he would like to receive more letters from back home.

★ Mrs. Roy P. Jones, wife of *Pfc. Roy P. Jones*, has heard from her husband in Italy that "now we are beginning to see action." No doubt by now it is much better than a beginning for Roy!

★ *Sylvester "Bud" Wimley* reports from India that he is "taking things in my stride." He sends best wishes to the folks at home.

★ A fellow who has been moved about plenty since he joined up in May of 1941 is *Pfc. John H. Steidinger*. He started his trek at Aberdeen, Md., moved to Bangor, Maine. In February of 1942 he was sent to the West coast and from there shipped to Australia. He stayed in the "land down under" for a year and then had to pack his duffle and move to New Guinea. He was there a few months and again had to move on, and now his whereabouts is unknown. His sojourn in New Guinea was relieved by two furloughs which he spent in Australia and his family received several souvenirs from him.

★ Stars hears from *Corp. Anthony Schoedler* in the British Isles that they're very busy over there. One of their less arduous tasks, he says, is teaching British girls the art of jitterbug dancing, a job good for the morale of both the men and the girls.

★ Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hartley, New Street, Freemansburg, have received a V-mail letter from their son, *Pvt. Roger Hartley*, telling of his safe arrival in England and relating that the food and barracks are "fine."

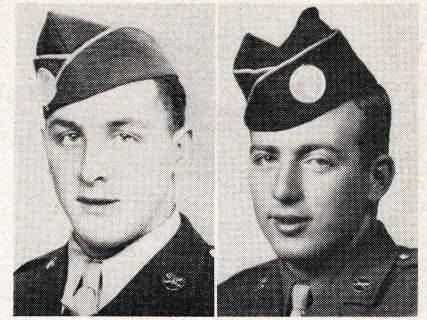
★ Birthday congratulations to *Pfc. Thomas Benner*, who celebrated that auspicious occasion December 30 in Iceland where he is stationed with an infantry outfit. Benner says he is receiving Stars and getting enjoyment from it. He also relates that the men are living in huts amidst cold, snow and wind and that he assists the chaplain and sings with the choir.

★ "Feeling swell, doing fine, plenty of mud and rain," writes *Pvt. Chester Rowlett* to friends back home. Chester is in Italy where, he says, the best of oranges and walnuts are to be found. He is the son of Robert Rowlett, 30 West Third Street, and renowned as a violinist.

★ *Corp. Richard "Larry" McCorkell*, who was with the infantry in Iceland for a long time, is now reported to be in England. Larry was a member of the First Baptist Church and active in YPF work at Trinity Episcopal before Uncle Sam clapped a uniform on him.

★ Writing from Italy, *Pfc. Bill Hillegas* says, "The last letter I wrote you I was in Sicily. Now I am in Italy helping to kick Jerrie around. Although I am in the Medical Corps I see quite a bit of action. Some people don't realize just how much action we of the Medical Corps get into.

PARATROOPERS



Donald Moyer

Ray Hess

★ *Pvt. Donald A. Moyer* is presently at Fort Benning, Ga., where he was transferred September 1, last from Camp Tyson, where he received his basic training after entering the service January 20, 1943. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry W. Moyer, 420 Second Avenue.

★ When Christmas rolled around *Ray R. Hess* discovered a sergeant's stripes in his stocking, so he got someone to loan him a needle and thread and sewed them on forthwith. Inducted April 1943, Sgt. Hess is at Camp Mackall, N. C., with the Paratroop Infantry.

BLESSED EVENTS

★ *Corp. Norman Clewell* is a chesty fellow these days, for he has a little daughter to be proud of. Attached to the Medical Detachment, Clewell was in Africa when the child was born. Recently he was home for the first time and saw his wee offspring—hence the chestiness. Before he was sent across he was at Valley Forge for eight months. Then he went to Africa where, he says, the nights are cool but the days are hot. His tour of duty ended, he came back to the U. S. and is now in Va.

★ A son, *William Everett*, was born to *Sgt. and Mrs. Lawrence Anthes* on November 6, 1943. He was baptized on Christmas Day at his father's camp, Camp Kilmer, N. J. Chaplain Leon Drumheller officiated. The parents are members of St. Paul's Evangelical and Reformed Church.

★ A son, *Charles Robert* was born to *Pfc. and Mrs. Lawrence Werkheiser*, October 4, 1943. He received the sacrament of baptism on October 13, 1943, at the St. Paul's Evangelical and Reformed Church where the parents were received by confirmation on Sunday, December 13, 1943. Rev. C. L. Brachman officiated.

WITH THE LEATHERNECKS



★ *Sgt. John Yaniga*, still training 'em and sending forth batches of hardened Leathernecks, says in a letter to his pastor, that this is the best group of men to be found in the world. And he's been around, in seven years, with the Corps, from the Halls of Montezuma even to the shores of Tripoli.

★ By the time this is the hands of you readers *Pvt. William McNear* will have finished his first lap at Parris Island and have spent his furlough with his family. He left Bethlehem Armistice Day, 1943. During his stay at Parris there was a snowfall, the first since 1911. By evening the weather had warmed up, however.

★ December 1, 1943, saw *Pfc. Elmer H. Gable* packing his kit for the move from Parris Island, N. C. to Cherry Point, N. C. for training with the Marine Corps aviation unit. Gable, son of Elmer O. Gable, 72 West Greenwich Street, and a Liberty High graduate, enlisted with the Leathernecks March 8, 1943 and went directly to Parris. He was in the post band for five and one-half months.

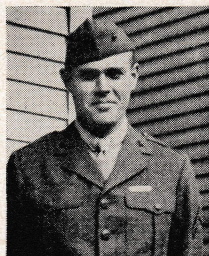
★ *Granville A. Miller* is a private first class in the Marines and is now at Camp LeJeune, New River, N. C. having completed his boot camp at Parris Island. A member of St. Paul's Reformed church, he is a former employee of Bethlehem Steel.

★ *Pfc. John Myers, U.S.M.C.*, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. Myers, 526 Sioux Street, is enthusiastic about the service and waxed eloquent about its advantages when home on a recent furlough.

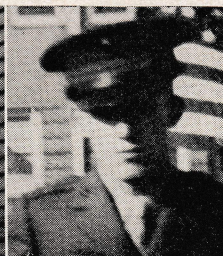
★ *Robert McIntosh*, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. McIntosh, Cloverleaf street, has received his second lieutenant commission in the Marines and is doing advance work at Quantico.

SEA-BEES

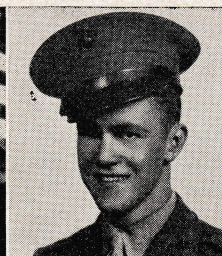
★ *Sanford R. Brown, S 1/c*, has been with the Sea-Bees somewhere in the South Pacific area since September, 1943, going out from Ft. Huemene, Calif. He entered the service in April of '43, took his boot training at Camp Peary, Williamsburg, Va., and his advanced instruction at Camp Endicott, R. I.



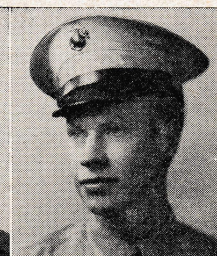
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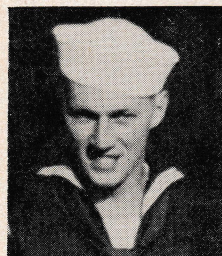
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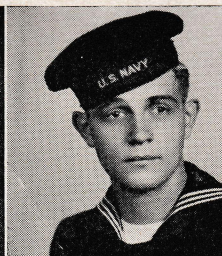
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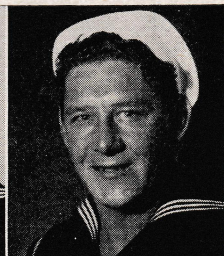
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Sanford Brown



Franklin Borger



George Moser

★ As this is written *George W. Moser* is a patient in the Main Dispensary at Port Hueneme, Calif., with a fracture of his leg. Perhaps by the time this article is read he will be up and about. Let's hope so. He is the son of Harry Moser, 1429 High Street, and entered the Sea-Bees the middle of June, 1943, going to Camp Peary, Va., for his boot training. From there he was sent to Hueneme, where he broke his leg.

★ Whereabouts of *Franklin R. Borger, F1/c*, was last reported to be Camp Endicott, Davisville, R. I., advanced training base for Sea-Bees. By now he may have been moved. He entered the service last September and spent five weeks at Camp Peary, Va. He's the son of Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Borger, 507 West Broad.

★ If our information is correct, *David Allen*, son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Allen, Russell Avenue, is in the Sea-Bee messenger and signal school, and in the band.

Stewart, Ga. He told his friends the Army has "made me more efficient."

★ *Virginia M. Bankhard*, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry A. Bankhard, 59 East North Street, is a private first class in the WAVES and is doing post office duty at Camp Shelby, Miss. She enlisted May 12, 1943 and trained at Daytona Beach, Fla. She is a member of the Church of The Nativity.

★ Cleveland, Ohio, is the present address of *Maudre Kerner, S 2/c* in the WAVES. She joined the service in April and trained at Hunter College, New York. She has been in Cleveland since May 1, 1943. Before enlisting, Seaman Kerner was employed by the Hotel Bethlehem.

WOMEN---Concluded

★ *Lt. Betty L. Musselman, ANC*, is at Camp Pickett, Va., where she has been nursing since last July. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Musselman, 341 Liberty Street, a graduate of Liberty High and of St. Luke's school of nursing, and a mem-

ber of St. John's Evangelical Church. Pickett has been her only post so far.

★ *Pvt. Alice Smith* of the WAC and *Pfc. Arthur L. Smith*, her husband, had the happy privilege of spending the Christmas holidays at home together. Pvt. Alice came on from Ft. Riley, Kansas, looking fit as a fiddle. Pfc. Arthur appeared from Camp

★ "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 Heltertown, Freemansburg and Fountain Hill has been invited to join in making the magazine available to its service roster.

LAST TAPS

★ Holy Trinity Lutheran Church has affixed to its service flag its first gold star in tribute to *Lieut. William A. Jones, AAF*, whose death December 19, 1943, in North Africa in an airplane crash was confirmed officially by the War Department in a telegram January 27 to Mrs. Jones.

Lieut. Jones was a son of Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Jones, 1421 Chelsea Avenue, and was born May 20, 1918. He was graduated from Liberty High in 1936 and from Lehigh University in 1941. He joined the Army in January of 1943 and commissioned August 14. He was sent overseas December 6, 1943.

May 15 he was married to Miss Irene Pash, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Pash, 723 Tenth Avenue, the ceremony taking place in the Presbyterian Church of Monroe, La. Besides his wife and parents he is survived by two brothers, Robert, a private in the U. S. Army stationed in Tennessee, and Charles, at home. Mrs. Marvin Steyers, Bethlehem, is his sister.

Lieut. Jones' gold star will be one among 90 stars on the Holy Trinity banner. He is the first member of the congregation to die in the service of his country in this war. Memorial services honoring the young flier were held in the church with the pastor, the Rev. Benjamin Lotz, officiating.

★ The many friends of *Aviation Cadet Niles E. Long* are mourning his untimely death in an accident involving an Army bus and a railroad train at Kingman Field, Kingman, Ariz., where he was in training. Cadet Long was one of 28 men killed in the crash. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl R. Long, 737 High Street.

The body was accompanied home by Cadet Carl Manone of Hellertown, a buddy of Niles. It lay at the local funeral parlors with a guard of honor furnished by Co. G, Volunteer Police and the Sons of Union Veterans Reserves, and was accompanied to the church and the grave by men of the same two organizations. A picked firing squad performed the usual tribute of three volleys at the grave and "Taps" was sounded by a bugler.

The young man was a faithful and respected member of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church and the Rev. William C. Berkemeyer, the pastor, performed the last rites.

★ Hellertown and Bethlehem friends of T/Sgt. Carl Tomanckek, 23, U. S. Marine Corps are mourning his death during the recent action against the Japs in which the Leathernecks stormed one of the many South Pacific isles where Uncle Sam is engaged in pushing the Nips around.

Sgt. Tomanckek's death by drowning is reported in a letter from Gen. Vandergrift in a letter to his mother, Mrs. John Tomanckek, 1023 First Avenue, Hellertown. He entered the service in June of 1942 and had been in the Pacific area about nine months. He is one of three sons of Mrs. Tomanckek serving their country in uniform, the others being Lieut. Joseph Tomanckek, AAF, Wilmington Del., and Sgt. Martin Tomanckek, Camp Hood, Texas. Three other brothers, Paul, John and Andrew, a twin, are engaged in war work to furnish the arms with which the fight is being waged. There are also two sisters, Mrs. John Kacmarik of Hazleton and Mrs. Stephen Zakovic, Hellertown.

Preparations for a memorial service in St. John's Slovak Lutheran Church, of which he was a faithful member, are being forwarded by Sgt. Tomanckeks pastor, the Rev. John Daniel.

Stars extends sympathy to the bereaved mother and family.

★ A gold star honoring *Pfc. Christopher W. Trotter*, U. S. Marine Corps, has been placed on the service flag of the Pro-Cathedral Church of the Nativity. Pfc. Trotter lost his life in action in the South Pacific area. He was 30 years of age. News of his death was received by his wife, Catherine M. Trotter, from Maj. Gen. Thomas B. Holcomb, Marine commandant.

The young Marine is the son of Mrs. Florence Ruyak and Jack Trotter. His wife is the former Catherine Morgan of Bethlehem. He is the father of two children, Barbara Jean, age two, and Patricia Ann, seven. He joined the Corps December 13, 1942 and left for duty in the South Pacific in February of 1943.

Stars pays tribute to Pfc. Trotter and extends sympathy to his bereaved wife and family.

LETTERS

★ If *Sgt. William H. Fetzer* will write again and give his own address and the church affiliation (if he knows it) of Pfc. William Gotchall whose address he wants, we'll try to send it to him. We have no permanent file of addresses.

★ After the salutation and some kind words on the merits of Stars, *Harry Forker* writes: "I'm having excellent adventure in this Irish land and seldom if ever have I seen the general natural beauty so surrounded by scenic views. Even though the winter and summer may change shifts, you can always locate the green pictures when you look over the rolling country. Fortunate I have been indeed to get nearly all kinds of small game and the latest prize was a beautiful red fox.

"Duck, partridge, hare, rabbit, pigeons and grouse are some of the types which have traveled down the track to the belly. Have you ever tried woodcock? (Yes, once, several years ago, and very tasty, too). Boy, that's really swell eating.

"People here have presented me with the greatest of friendships and when the battles are over it won't be so easy to forget them. . . . I hope our country will always be friendly with Ireland. . . . I've been here a long time so I'm no overseas rookie. How I wish I could see Main Street again. When I was 15 I carried the morning paper on your route and many a day I passed your home."

★ *Lieut. Lewis Trumbore* of the AAF asks how come there is not more news of the doings of Nativity church service men and women. It's this way (after asking if the November number didn't do much better on that score than before?)—each church is responsible for news and pictures for Stars. What goes in is what is sent by deadline time. We have no "reporter" on the staff, no so-called follow-up. Everything is voluntary. Some churches have young people in charge of news; some have older folks. They all are doing their best as they see it. Almyra Fredericks ("Tiny's" wife) is reporter for Nativity and has done well, considering her manifold other activities.

Lieut. Trumbore, writing from the South Pacific, says he is with the troop carrier command in New Guinea. "Got my wings at Columbia, Miss., March 25, 1943 and have been here about three months. They say the jeeps and transport planes are winning the war over here and I'll say amen to that.

"New Guinea is a collection of the best scenery and the worst weather I have ever seen. It is strictly a wilderness and one has to be a carpenter, electrician, plumber and a few other things to make a tent look like home. But I'm having fun and enjoying every bit of it. (I'm ready to come home if you can arrange it.)

MORE LETTERS . . . YOU WRITE 'EM, WE'LL PRINT 'EM!

★ Next to the Bible, "Stars" is the most interesting book he has read, writes *Pfc. Arlington Shearer* from Jefferson Barracks, Mo. We appreciate the compliment. The letter is dated October 5 and reads, "The other day I was out to Sportsmen's Park here in St. Louis to see a double-header between the Cards and Phillies. After the games were over I met Dale Mathewson back at the clubhouse and asked him how the good old town of Bethlehem was doing." Shearer is with the Airforce

★ *Ned Hoffman* at Camp Ellis, Ill., doesn't tell us what church he belongs to so we can't tell if he is on a mailing list or if his church has been a participant since the beginning. Too bad you've not been able to run across that other Bethlehemite, Ned.

★ "It's been two years since I was last in Bethlehem, so you see how much your magazine can do for me," is the word from *Lieut. Laurence R. Naegley, U. S. N.*, whose mother recently informed the "Stars" of his promotion to senior grade. "I did get back to the States a short while last October (his letter is dated October 20 so that is over a year ago), after our ship, the U. S. S. Wasp, Naval aircraft carrier, was sunk; but I didn't stay long enough to get home. They sent us right back in a Navy dive-bombing squadron and we've had several good opportunities to drop several well-placed eggs on those yellow 'sons of Heaven.' In the meantime I've become the proud father of a daughter, Sandra Lee, so naturally I am doubly anxious to get back and see my daughter and wife, who, by the way is also a Bethlehem girl, the former *Marion Kilpatrick*,"

★ We would like to use *Lt. Russell Moore's* last letter (9/13/43) in toto, for it is interesting, full of constructive criticism and a real booster in the bargain. At the time of writing he was in North Africa, the campaign there having closed. He remarks that "it used to be fashionable to winter in Naples and I hope to be fashionable." Perhaps he has his wish.

Of principal interest are his remarks about the fine work of the 213th (First Defenders) to whom he says "Stars" has accorded too little honor, and not enough news space. Well, mayhap he's right, and we hope the 213th will bear with us. Certainly the regiment has been living up to the best traditions of a glorious history.

Lt. Moore tells of meeting *Lt. Urbanek*, Army nurse, in the 180th

Station Hospital, who told him of her meeting with *Lt. Woodrow King*. "*Lt. Dan Haas* (whom he also has met) told me he has many things to tell the folks back home. . . . Glad to hear my friend *WO William Weiner* was in line for the citation his unit received. We understand that the *Frank L. Czar* mentioned in the clipping enclosed with the letter is the same Frank Czar whose address you have given, but the incident took place in North Africa, if the newspaper description is accurate. Can't recall the exact date, however.

"Recently saw *Capt. Donald Oskin*, in *Robat, Morac*," *Lt. Moore* continues. "The first time I saw him was in *Constantine, Algiers*, in early May. . . . To *Harry Forker*, glad to hear someone have a good word to say for Ireland."

★ This is from *Lt. Joseph Kacsmer*: "The . . . infantry is a part of the Ohio National Guard and I don't know of any Bethlehem men in the outfit, so I am really hungry for news of the rest of the boys from town. . . . All the familiar names and faces in 'Stars' for a few brief happy moments transferred this damned jungle into a vision of the streets of our loved city. It makes one feel a little more proud of the swell job you folks on the home front are doing. I'm in the South Pacific and believe me, it's not the peaceful tropical paradise the movies picture it!" Kacsmer asks for the address of *Myer Katz*, with whom he went to school. Sorry, we have lost track of Katz, but he was "Down Under" when last heard from.

★ According to *Sgt. Joe Kranyecz* "life in Sicily was very dull, even though we were fighting for our very lives." He said in his letter that he was separated from all his buddies with whom he enlisted. Hope by now he has "met up" with someone from Bethlehem.

★ From *Radioman "Chuck" Wesner*, aboard ship somewhere at sea, comes the following letter: "Received the September issue of your magazine and I certainly was glad to get it. It makes a fellow feel swell to read about what some of the old gang are doing. (How about it, gang?) What are you doing!) I also get a big kick out of seeing the pictures of some of my old friends in uniform. I've been out of the states since September '42 and quite a lot of the fellows I used to know have gone into the service since then. You fellows know that I can't tell much about myself but I'm still 'over there' doing my

part. I saw *Walt Glina's* picture in the September Stars. We used to have a lot of fun talking about Bethlehem before he was transferred and any dope I can read about him helps a lot."

★ Many thanks from *Ye Ed* and others to *Cpl. Bill Smith* for the V-Mail Christmas card sent from North Africa. Bill wrote on his novel greeting, "Dear Sponsors: Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year."

"May your wonderful book continue to bring happiness to our boys and girls in the service."

★ *Pvt. Lester C. Knapp*, at the time of writing somewhere in Sardinia, says: "I received all issues of Stars. I saw in the September number where my buddy, *Joe Foley*, is in North Africa. I was surprised to read that. I know he gets Stars, so Joe, here's wishing you the best of luck! I am somewhere in Sardinia now and I find it somewhat better than Africa, where I was for some time and where I saw action."

Knapp is a member of St. Peter's Lutheran Church and hopes to return to it when the war is ended.

★ A penciled letter from *Cpl. Lloyd G. Davies* who says, among other things: "Just received your most welcome issue of Stars. Thanks a million. Down here in the swamps reading material is very scarce so it is even more so welcome."

"It's quite a pleasure to read about your friends and acquaintances who seem to be scattered all over the globe. . . . At present I am with the . . . Division combat team located about 100 miles from Shreveport (La.). I'm writing this in a lull of the 'battle' with the so-called enemy."

"It's very cold and damp here but as yet we have had no snow. (This was in early December). We're allowed about one fire a week because we are supposed to be simulating actual battle conditions. Even at that, we know it could be worse."

"Please excuse the pencil — I'm temporarily stranded from my writing kit."

Hope Lloyd is out of the "Dismal Swamps" by now! Thanks for the holiday wishes.

★ Hope by this time that *Lt. Raymond F. Thomas* who sent a holiday greeting from Sicily has received more copies of Stars. Thanks for the card. Your magazines have been mailed regularly.

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★ A word to *Pfc. Harold Stein* who has asked us to mail him copies of issues one and two of Stars. We're awfully sorry, but it can't be done as we do not mail back numbers. The first issue is about exhausted, too. Our finances do not permit second mailings, and no doubt the first two numbers were mailed but got lost in the shuffle. You certainly should have received the Christmas number by this time, however. Let us know, will you!

★ From England comes this word from *Pfc. C. Jay Spangenberg*: "Received my copy of Stars the latter part of October and many, many thanks. Only one far away from home can appreciate the value of it. It is swell reading of my buddies in the service."

"Life in England is great. I have visited several cities and have seen many places of historical interest. The American forces are tops with the English people."

"The American Red Cross is doing a fine job for us boys over here."

★ The supposition of *Joan Laidman*, member of the English WRENS, to whom Stars is being sent, that it comes to her through Trinity Episcopal Church is correct. She is on the mailing list at Trinity together with her brother. Joan, a former resident of Bethlehem, is now in Winchester, England.

This is what she has written: "A few days ago I had the delightful surprise of receiving your magazine, 'Stars in The Service.' There was no sender's name on it so I gather it was sent by you through Trinity Church, Market Street, to which I belonged when I was living in Bethlehem over four years ago."

"It was a very thoughtful gesture which I appreciate very much and which has given me a lot of pleasure. I was amazed to find a lot of names and faces of friends I'd known whilst in the States and enjoyed hearing about them."

One part of the address of the writer that tickles the risibilities is "Hants." Could it be that she resides in a part of the country frequented by ghosties? Sounds a bit Dickensian, or perhaps like something out of Lytton.

★ "I have received the fourth issue of Stars and I must say it sure was swell to read about some of my old friends back in Bethlehem," is the way *Pfc. Al Schultheis* starts his letter from North Africa. By now he probably is in Italy. He goes on to

say: "However, I was anxious to see if any of my fellow members of the Bethlehem Cosmos had their pictures in the magazine, but I was disappointed. We won't have a team this basketball season because all the fellows are in the service, so I thought maybe if you had room in the next issue you would say hello for me to *Coach Dick Byington* and players *Donald Byington, Bob Schoener, Al Wasileski, Fritz Knauss, 'Big Jim' Keller, Bill Hartzell*, down in the Pacific, *Ray Minnich, El Parks* and *Henry Check*. Also to my two brothers, *Charles* and *Merritt*. Charles, who is with the Fighting . . . Division is now in Sicily (probably Italy by now) after being through the Tunisian and Sicilian campaigns. Merritt is in the Marines and the last I heard from him he was in Florida. So you Cosmos, keep in shape and I'll be seeing you all back on the court in no time!"

★ To *Pvt. John R. Kuti, Jr.* — Stars has no permanent mailing list, all names being submitted through the churches participating in the project. If you are a church member, ask your pastor to see that your name is on the list and you will continue to receive the magazine at no cost to yourself. Kuti mentions in his letter that he is in Newfoundland with *John D. Gentilcore, Louis Gomboz, Earl Jacoby* and *Leon Pondo*, all of Bethlehem.

★ *Lieut. Sheldon C. Evans, USNR*, after introducing himself by letter to Stars, says that, "My duty has been all on destroyers as engineer officer. I have been in service since March 1942. I spent one year in the Atlantic and I am now on one of our new tin cans out here. We have open season on Japs. As you all know, there is no limit and we often get a full bag for a day."

"I have had the opportunity of meeting two of the boys from home out here and had lunch with them aboard their ship, which is one of the New aircraft carriers. *Lieut. Stuart Hockenbury* and *Lieut. Dick Hestine* are the boys and they are having their share of exciting events."

"I send my best regards to all my friends and many thanks to the members of Nativity Church for having Stars sent to me."

★ A brief note from a member of the Lehigh Valley's own 213th (First Defenders), *Corp. Ralph S. Krier*, acknowledging receipt of four issues of Stars somewhere overseas in the Mediterranean area.

★ Dated January 1 is a letter via V-mail from *T/Sgt. Paul C. Frey*, now stationed in England with a

bombing unit of the AAF. "Here it is the first day of another year, and while sitting here in the billet I've thought of so very many things throughout the past year for which I must indeed be thankful. One of them happens to be Stars. I want to thank you and everyone else concerned for the October and November issues. I just did receive the latter but have had the former about a month. . . . I really do appreciate each, especially since I can try to find any one who may end up somewhere in England. I haven't had any opportunity to meet anyone from the good old home town over here." Thanks for the good wishes for 1944, Paul.

★ On December 27 an Irish lad by name *Joe Foley*, private first class in Uncle Sam's fighting Infantry, sat down at a desk somewhere in the land of the Shamrock, took his pen in hand and began a letter in this fashion: "Dear Griff—Hello! How are you? I hope OK. I just finished reading the September issue of Stars and it was very interesting. . . . Much has happened since my last letter and that is one of the reasons why I haven't written sooner. In July we made that combat jump in Sicily and I was very lucky, and I might add, scared skinny! In August we again made a combat jump, only this time it was in Italy. It was at the time the British 8th and the American 5th were pushing for Naples. I give much praise to the Airforce for the great job they did; they really gave the city a terrible shellacking. As we would say, 'they were on the ball' and hit their objectives with everything they had."

"As I write this letter I am somewhere in North Ireland. I like it a lot better here than anywhere else because things are quiet and peaceful and then, on top of that, I'm Irish!"

"The people of Italy and Sicily treated us very well after they knew their goose was cooked." In a PS he says that only a week before his letter he tasted a "coke" for the first time since arriving overseas. Joe, I'll tell John Griffiths of the Tobacco Club about the package arriving safely. Good luck, Griff.

"I saw the article of my brother's letter. He states he wishes he were here with me. I don't know which place is worse. Over here it rains every day and the mud is ankle deep at times."

★ Thanks to *Pfc. Roy P. Jones* for the Christmas card from Italy. Sure is nice to get these messages of good will.