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STARS

IN THE SERVICE

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CHRISTMAS IN CHRIST E & R CHURCH



★ This is the interior of Christ Evangelical and Reformed Church at Christmastime. We think it very pretty indeed and are sure all you fellows and girls from Christ Church as well as your friends in other congregations will be interested to see that Christmas is kept just the same in our Bethlehem churches as it was before you went away . . . and will always be kept that way.

FAMILY ALBUM

★ *Mrs. Walter Weierbach* of 835 Broadway has presented the First Evangelical and Reformed Church with a fine service flag and is defraying all expenses connected with the flag "for the duration." Three cheers for patriotic Mrs. Weierbach!

★ *Rev. Roger Enloe*, minister at North Side Presbyterian Church, has entered the service of his country as a Chaplain in the U. S. Navy. In his words, "If I enter the Navy, services will still be held in this church; if I don't, some warship will sail without a chaplain." With Rev. Enloe go his congregation's best wishes and prayers that he will be a comfort to all the boys he contacts and serves as spiritual advisor. After obtaining his commission, Lieutenant (j.g.), December 14, he left for Williamsburg, Va., from there he was transferred to Quantico, Va., a temporary assignment. He has since been assigned to the U. S. Marines.

★ Servicemen from Ebenezer Mennonite Church who attended services during holiday furloughs included *Lt. (j.g.) William Reidelbach*, stationed now in the Philippines; *Pvt. Paul Neice*, stationed in Alaska; *Sgt. Elmer Gable*, North Carolina; *Pfc. Arthur Mann*, Philadelphia; *Cpl. Robert Williams*, Ohio; *Pvt. Henry Gemberling*, Maryland; *Harry Neck*, MoMM 2/c, Europe; *Pvt. Gordon Habrial*, N. C.; *Anthony Farkas*, S 2/c, R. I., and *William Lasso*, S 2/c, Md. Birthdays celebrated since the last issue

were those of *Al. Mann*, *J. S. Hinner-scheitz*, *Rm 3/c*, and *Bob Zettle-moyer*.

★ Recent entrants into the services from New Jerusalem Union Church are: *Roscoe Brandt*, S 2/c, stationed at Memphis, Tenn.; *Milton Mowry*, A/S, at Sampson, N. Y.; *John Meil-inger*, A/S, Bainbridge, Md.; *Pvt. Edward Yob*, Camp Croft, S. C.; and *Albert Mease*, Ft. McClellan, Ala.

★ *Pastor Daniel D. Kistler* of the Lutheran wing of New Jerusalem Union Church, most recent church to join the Stars' project, sends the following greeting to all men and women in service from our community, not only to those who have gone forth from New Jerusalem, but to everyone who reads this magazine: "Greetings to the men and women in the Nation's Service; We think of you, and pray for you. May the Gospel of the Prince of Peace write a just, durable and lasting peace for the world—speedily."

Sincerely,
Daniel D. Kistler.

★ Edgeboro Moravian Church welcomed four of its sons home during the Christmas holidays. They were *Kenneth L. Buss*, EM 2/c, S/Sgt. *William Brader*, Pl/Sgt. *Richard Brader* and T/Sgt. *Russell Minnich*.

Ken Buss has returned from the Aleutians and spent a 30-day furlough with his wife, Helen, daughter, Barbara, and parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ray-

mond Buss, Sr., 1746 Madison Avenue. Dick Brader is presently stationed in Philadelphia and manages frequent visits to church and to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Brader, Sr., Maple Street. Bill is home on furlough after spending several months in a hospital in Burma. Russ Minnich, son of the Thomas Minnichs of Linden Street, is home after two and one-half years overseas, during which time he was in four major campaigns—North Africa, Tunisia, Sicily and Italy. His wife is the former Alice Seibert.

St. Paul's E. & R. Church now has fifty-five in the service and two are students in Military Schools. Thirty are in the Army, three in the Marines, one in the Coast Guards, one in the WACS and twenty are in the Navy. Twenty-six are now serving overseas. Christmas boxes were sent to all who were in the service and Pastor C. L. Brachman heard from thirty-five who received their gift and enjoyed it very much. He extends thanks to all who sent Christmas Greetings.

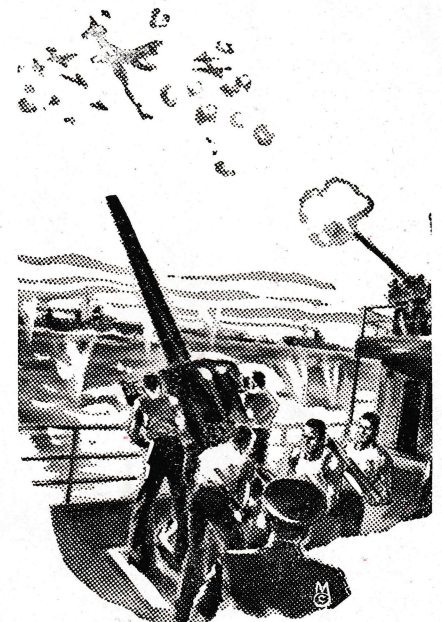
Walter M. Creitz and *William Heimbrook* both overseas have been promoted to the rank of Corporal.

Those who attended the services during the holidays were as follows: *Allen Kemmerer*, *Paul Kunsman*, *Calvin Frey*, *Burton Rudolph*, *Henry Benner*, *Warren Crouthamel*, *Walter Hoke*, *Carol Leibert*, *Thurlow Warg* and *Lloyd Hawk*.

Troy Ruth is now in Australia after being in the Pacific War Area for two years.

Raymond Roberts left Monday, January 15, 1945 for service in the Merchant Marine.

Sgt. Paul Kunsman spent a month furlough at home after serving in the Air Corps in England and accomplishing many successful missions over Germany.



“Why Seek Ye the Living Among the Dead? ❖ He Is Not Here But Is Risen”

The Scripture Reading

The Easter Story as told in the Gospel according to St. John, the 20th Chapter, Verses 1 to 18.

THE first day of the week cometh Mary Magdalene early, when it was yet dark, unto the sepulchre, and seeth the stone taken away from the sepulchre.

Then she runneth and cometh to Simon Peter, and to the other disciple, whom Jesus loved, and saith unto them, They have taken away the Lord out of the sepulchre, and we know not where they have laid him.

And Peter therefore went forth, and that other disciple, and came to the sepulchre.

So they ran both together: and the other disciple did outrun Peter, and came first to the sepulchre.

And he stooping down, and looking in, saw the linen clothes lying; yet went he not in.

Then cometh Simon Peter following him, and went into the sepulchre, and seeth the linen clothes lie.

And the napkin, that was about his head, not lying with the linen clothes, but wrapped together in a place by itself.

Then went in also the other disciple, which came first to the sepulchre, and he saw, and believed.

For as yet they knew not the scripture, that he must rise again from the dead.

Then the disciples went away again unto their own home.

But Mary stood without at the sepulchre weeping: and as she wept, she stooped down, and looked into the sepulchre,

And seeth two angels in white sitting, the one at the head, and the other at the feet, where the body of Jesus had lain.

And they say unto her, Woman, why weepest thou? She saith unto them, Because they have taken away my Lord, and I know not where they have laid him.

And when she had thus said, she turned herself back, and saw Jesus standing, and knew not that it was Jesus.

Jesus saith unto her, Woman, why weepest thou? whom seekest thou? She, supposing him to be the gardener, saith unto him, Sir, if thou have borne him hence, tell me where thou hast laid him, and I will take him away.

Jesus saith unto her, Mary. She turned herself, and saith unto him, Rabboni; which is to say, Master.

Jesus saith unto her, Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended to my Father: but go to my brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto my Father, and your Father; and to my God, and your God.

Mary Magdalene came and told the disciples that she had seen the Lord, and that he had spoken these things unto her.



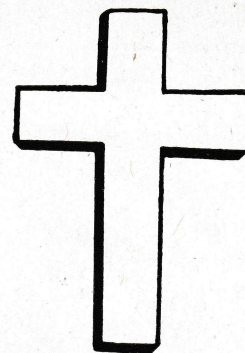
THE HYMN

Come, ye faithful, raise the strain
Of triumphant gladness;
God hath brought his Israel
Into joy from sadness;
'Tis the spring of souls today:
Christ hath burst His prison,
And from three days' sleep in death,
As a sun hath risen.

All the winter of our sins,
Long and dark, is flying
From His light, to Whom we give
Laud and praise undying.
Neither might the gates of death,
Nor the tomb's dark portal,
Nor the watchers, nor the seal,
Hold Thee as a mortal.

But today amidst the Twelve
Thou didst stand, bestowing
That Thy peace, with evermore
Passeth human knowing.
Come, ye faithful, raise the strain
Of triumphant gladness;
God hath brought His Israel
Into joy from sadness.

—John of Damascus, VII Century Tr.
John Mason Neale, 1859.



LET US PRAY

For the Unity of God's People

GOD, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, our only Saviour, the Prince of Peace; Give us grace seriously to lay to heart the great dangers we are in by our unhappy divisions. Take away all hatred and prejudice, and whatsoever else may hinder us from godly union and concord: that as there is but one Body and one Spirit, and one Hope of our calling, one Lord, one Faith, one Baptism, one God and Father of us all, so we may *all be* of one heart and soul, united in one holy bond of truth and peace, of faith and charity, and may with one mind and one mouth glorify thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Our Country

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

—From the Book of Common Prayer of the Protestant Episcopal Church

Hule Greetings From Readers

Christmas In France . .

★ Mrs. Andrew Wida, Sr., member of St. John Slovak Lutheran Church, received the following letter from her son, Pfc. Andrew Wida, describing his Christmas at the front in France with Patton's men of the 3rd Army, of which he is a member. It is a privilege to print such a letter as this in Stars, and may all of us who read it—men and women in service and those of us at home—thank God for hearts such as Andrew Wida's, for of such fine hearts is the fibre of America woven, firm and strong and enduring. Andrew, Stars salutes you for the soldier and the Christian man that you are! While you and your comrades can celebrate the greatest Christian festival of the Winter season in the spirit you describe, our country need not worry about its future.

The letter runs thus:

Christmas Day, Somewhere in France.

Dear Parents:

How did you enjoy Christmas at home? I was thinking of you especially when we received our Christmas packages. Many of us received two and more, and they made us happy, since they were reminders of home. The ground was covered with a blanket of white snow on Christmas Day, but the night before, after spending weeks in the field, I and a few of my buddies were granted a tent for the holidays, and that was quite a treat. We immediately put up a small tree, and decorated it with tin cans instead of ornaments. For tinsel we had only strips of colored package paper. The moon and stars were our only lights. On Christmas Eve the Red Cross girls made a party for us with doughnuts and coffee. On Christmas Day, the little French children came to our camp and were overjoyed when we gave them most of our cookies, candy, and parts of our field rations. They sang for us and we with them. Later some older folks came to sing carols, and then we really became home-sick. All in all it was an enjoyable Christmas but we all hope that we will be able to celebrate next Christmas in the "Little Town of Bethlehem" in Penna. As I lay down on my straw pallet I thought of the Christ-child lying in the manger on the hay. But we were



MERRY XMAS
1944

From: Sgt Eugene Shore



A Word beyond Wishes by Stars
Of Thanks & Honor
Love & Honor
From The Arlington Star



Olmi Haltman
U.S.C.



From: Chaplain Storkson

To all who sent
Christmas Cards
to Stars in the
Service - Thanks
and Good Luck

Euguri
dall'Italia

1944

Merry Christmas
and
Happy New Year

Capt. Kenneth F. Chinaz

throughout all
of 1944
Yours
Griff Patton
& date



From: Sgt John Kravitz



From: Arthur H. Jones

more fortunate, since we had a stove to keep us warm. We had fine food, eggs for breakfast, turkey for dinner and steak for supper. This will be a memorable Christmas for many of us here in France. Extend my greetings to all the members of St. John Church, and to Rev. Daniel and his family.



★ We've often heard that the fair mademoiselles in France are real heart-breakers, and no doubt some day the two charmers Len Arnold holds on his knees will be just that but right now they look just like two pretty little American girls who will grow up to be pretty, big girls.

A LETTER HOME . . .

★ T/Sgt. Albert L. Mills has been awarded the Purple Heart for wounds received in action in France. Following are interesting excerpts from a letter written by Sgt. Mills to his parents:

"You no doubt know just how busy we have been by the news you have been receiving. If the pursued are as occupied as the pursuers, then they haven't time to do much else except run. Every now and then a group of them stop for breakfast. Result — prisoners. This army is really wonderful and although I still hate it and want very much to be home again, I am very proud to be an infinitesimal part of it.

"There isn't much I can tell you about over here. It isn't the same as it would be were I touring the country in peace time. I have seen some lovely old buildings and chateaux but can't reveal where I saw them. I have come in contact quite frequently with the peasant people of France and Normandy. They are a quaint sort, very much as we have heard about and seen in pictures, and a very

We Take Pen In Hand To Say . . .

"Paradise is under the shadow of swords."

Thus wrote the great Mohamet, Prophet of Islam, a thousand years ago. So it may have been to the followers of Mohamet, but Paradise to the American boy who follows the flag of his country in this present war of many lands is Home, under the shadow of his own door-post, and to home his heart turns.

What is home?

Well, home means Mother and Dad, and Sis and Brother, and Grandad and Granny, and wife—perhaps her name is Peg or Sue—and the toddler, just turned two, and maybe brother, newly arrived in this big world.

Home is that place where a fellow can be himself; just natural. It's tied up with boyhood memories of school, and his first girl, and the smell of Mother's cooking, and experiments in the attic with a chemical set, and the first car—sure, a jalopy! but it ran—and the scolding he got the first time he stayed out late and worried the folks most to death.

Home means going to Sunday School, and the first time a fellow went to church, and catechetical class, and being confirmed. And graduation night, and the senior class play, and walking the Only Girl home from the Prom, and tacking the diploma up on the wall (or rolling it up and stuffing it in the bureau drawer, to be found ten years later!).

Home means the first job, and the pay envelope that made a man out of a fellow. Real honest-to-goodness money, earned by honest-to-goodness work! And the first present he bought for his mother with his own money, and her pride and tears. And the kiss from Her, and whispered pledges, and the vows at the altar.

Home means all those things, and a thousand more to sons and husbands and sweethearts now scattered all about the world. Don't think, homefolks, that every day some boy in uniform doesn't pause to think of home.

Millions of hearts turn homeward. Let us, then, highly resolve to keep the home inviolate, secure, harmonious; a sure refuge to which our fighting men and the women who serve by their side will someday return and know that they have "fought the good fight."

Theologians may argue as to the nature and place of Heaven, but no American worth his salt will deny that Home is Paradise, and Paradise, Home! May God bless Home and the men and women who are fighting to preserve it, and give those of us at home wisdom and courage and discernment and faith so that that fight may not be in vain.

GRIFFITH R. PULLINGER,
Editor.

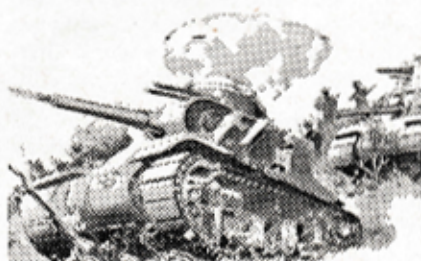
generous people. Their dress is as we have known it, wooden shoes and all. I thought the wooden shoes were a sign of poverty but was soon corrected. They wear them because of the damp, cool climate. I could tell you of the hedge rows of Normandy, but they were such a pain in the neck to us, that I don't even want to think about them.

"If the people of France are any indication of the relations between France and the United States after the war, these two countries will be mighty close. The people here love us and are so thankful to us for coming. For instance, as we entered the little villages, the people lined the streets on both sides, cheered us, offered us wine, cider, cognac, etc. Some of them kissed us, all wanted to shake hands with us or even touch us. One old man came up to me and kissed me on both cheeks, shook hands with me—all the while bawling like a baby. That is when we come to realize the hardships these people must have had to endure under the Nazi yoke. It

gives one a feeling of doing something quite wonderful and really worthwhile.

"I have come to realize a fear of which heretofore I have been absolutely ignorant, but I wouldn't exchange my experiences over here for the past two years at home.

"But now I want to come home. From all indications the war in Europe is nearly over and I am ready to take my place among the peaceful. Right now I want to stand at the corner of Broad and Main Streets and just watch the people. And when it becomes night, I want to see the lights go on."



CHRISTMAS EVE SOMEWHERE IN ITALY



★ **Captain Richard Marsten** (seated nearest the Christmas tree) wrote with this picture when he sent it home to his family: "After a day's search thru mud and rain we found this tree and some holly. Now we have just trimmed the tree with gifts sent from home. You see us here opening our Christmas packages. We are very proud of our stone house which we built a year ago, after being drowned out of a tent with every rainstorm. Those of us in this group have been together since twenty months ago back in the States."

LAST TAPS

★ A card of sympathy announcing the death of **Captain Richard D. Klotz** of wounds received in action in Belgium, December 28, 1944, was received on January 25 from General Marshall. The card, accompanying a War Department telegram confirming word of Captain Klotz' death, read: "General Marshall extends his deep sympathy in your bereavement. Your husband fought valiantly in a supreme hour of his country's need. His memory will live in the grateful heart of our nation."

Mrs. Klotz, who resides at 32 East Union Boulevard, had previously been informed that her husband was hospitalized in Belgium. Captain Klotz entered the Army January 3, 1941. He was 27 on September 3, 1944 and marked his birthday in England. Memorial services for Captain Klotz were held Sunday, February 4, at 10:45 a.m. in St. Peter's Lutheran Church, the Rev. Dr. Corson C. Snyder, pastor, officiating.

★ The congregations of St. Thomas Church, Macada, honor the memory of **Lt. Robley W. Ehret**, son of Rev. Dr. H. J. Ehret, Reformed pastor, and Mrs. Ehret, who was killed in action on the western front Novem-

ber 24, 1944. Lt. Ehret had received the Silver Star shortly before his death.

★ **Pfc. John H. Weikel**, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. H. Weikel, Saucon Valley, laid down his life for his country on the Western European front on December 3, 1944. He was first reported seriously wounded in a War Department telegram; a second message reported his death in an English hospital. Johnny was a member of the North Side Presbyterian Church.

★ **Pvt. Richard McConaughy** made the supreme sacrifice for his country on September 22 in Southern France. Richard was a member of the North Side Presbyterian Church. His parents now reside in Wilmington, Del.

★ **First Lt. Dale Chamberlain** lost his life in the service of his country on Tinian Island in the South Pacific, on November 23, 1944. Lt. Chamberlain entered the service in July of 1942 and at the time of his death was in Marine Intelligence. Dale was the son of Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Chamberlain of 804 West Market Street and was a member of the North Side Presbyterian Church.

★ First Gold Star on the service flag of New Jerusalem Union Church

Leithsville, was placed in memory of **Roy A. Goldberg**, S 2/c, member of the Lutheran wing, son of Ernest and Katie Goldberg, 112 Front Street Hellertown, killed in action in the South Pacific a year ago and buried on Allied territory with military honors. Young Goldberg had expected to be a member of the 1945 confirmation class. Roy was a member of the Sea-Bees. Two brothers are also in the service, **Cpl. Ernest Goldberg** at Ft. Knox, Ky. and **Earl**, recently inducted into the Marine Corps.

★ Posthumous award of the Purple Heart; Bronze Star for meritorious achievement; Silver Star for gallantry in action; Combat Infantry badge and the European, African and Middle East campaign ribbons to **Staff Sgt. Edward M. Muschlitz**, killed in action last fall in Germany, according to word from his commanding officer, Lt. R. L. Raidle, to his wife, the former Sarah E. Baringer of East Market Street. The communication also stated that the young soldier was killed by enemy artillery fire and that he had been buried in a military cemetery in Belgium with services conducted by a Protestant chaplain. Lt. Raidle wrote that "Sgt. Muschlitz was a brave soldier who gave his life for the ideals and standards of life we must continue to uphold." A memorial service was held at New Jerusalem Union Church, Leithsville, with the Rev. T. C. Brown, Reformed pastor, in charge.

MISSING IN ACTION

★ **Sgt. Robert Young**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Young, was reported missing in action in Germany since December 16. Sgt. Young enlisted while attending Princeton in December, 1942, and was called into active service in February, 1943. After training at Camp Wheeler and the University of Alabama under the AST program, he was sent overseas in October, 1944.

★ "Missing in Action" is the word of **T/Sgt. Robert E. Muschlitz**, veteran of action in France, Belgium and Luxembourg. He was with an Infantry division. Robert entered the service April 22, 1941 and trained first at Camp Croft and subsequently at other camps before going across in October, 1943. He is married to the former Marie Bernhardt of Hellertown.

★ **Pfc. Kenneth "Buddy" Kauffman** of Leithsville, son of Mrs. Helen Kauffman, has recently been reported "missing in action" in the Luxembourg area.

CUPID'S CORNER

★ Rev. John R. Waser, pastor of Emmanuel Evangelical - Congregational Church, has been a busy assistant to Dan Cupid these past months, with numerous weddings to his credit.

Anyway, at a candlelight ceremony at 7 p. m. Tuesday, January 2nd, in Emmanuel Church, *Carolyn Estelle Woodring*, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob J. Woodring of 1103 North New Street, plighted her troth to *Truman L. Frey, Jr., Chief Petty Officer, U. S. N.* son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Frey, 1024 Center Street, home after 23 months of service in the Pacific area. Bridegroom Frey has nine major engagements on his score card.

Rev. Waser officiated. The bride was given in marriage by her father. Her gown was of white satin with net yoke beaded with seed pearls, tight bodice, full skirt and circular train. Her long veil of rosepoint lace was held by a coronet of veiling and orange blossoms, and she carried a colonial bouquet of white roses, white chrysanthemums and babies breath.

The three attendants wore white faille taffeta gowns with sweet-heart necklines edged with ruching, and tiered skirts, and halo headdresses. Barbara Anne Groce of Bethlehem was flower girl and George Frey, Jr., nephew of the bridegroom was ring-bearer. George Frey, brother of the bridegroom, was best man and ushers were Allen Tice and John S. Hudak.

A reception at the D.A.R. House followed the ceremony, after which the newlyweds left for a wedding trip to the Poconos. The bridegroom reported January 25 to Norfolk, Va. for reassignment.

★ On September 30, in Old South Church, Boston, *Doris Mae Bos* of Holland, Mich., and *Ensign Fred N. Bahnson* of Bethlehem, were made man and wife. Ensign Bahnson, member of Wesley Church, is a graduate in Radar at MIT, Boston, and is now at the Navy's submarine base in New London, Conn., undergoing training. Mrs. Bahnson is working as a nurse in Lawrence Memorial Hospital, New London.

★ In a pretty Sunday afternoon nuptial in Wesley Methodist Church on October 8th, *Louise Tremaine* and *George Heck, S 1/c*, both of Bethlehem, were united in marriage in the presence of a large group of friends. They honeymooned in the Poconos, after which George returned to Chicago to the Great Lakes N.T.S. During the past months



★ Upper left, S 1/e and Mrs. George Heck; upper center, S 2/e and Mrs. J. Richard Gosztanyi; upper right, Petty Officer and Mrs. Elwood F. Clewell; lower left, Ensign and Mrs. Fred N. Bahnson; lower center, S 1/c and Mrs. Austin C. Paulus; lower right, Air Cadet and Mrs. Ray Coffmann. Center insert, Chief Petty Officer Truman Frey and Mrs. Frey.

Louise has traveled many miles to spend a couple of weeks with her sailor hubby. The first trip was to Chicago. Next came a junket to Alabama for Christmas weekend. Presently stationed at Gulfport, Miss., George was able to come North as far as Alabama on a pass. Louise made her part of the trip south either sitting on her suitcase in the car aisle or just standing on her own two feet.

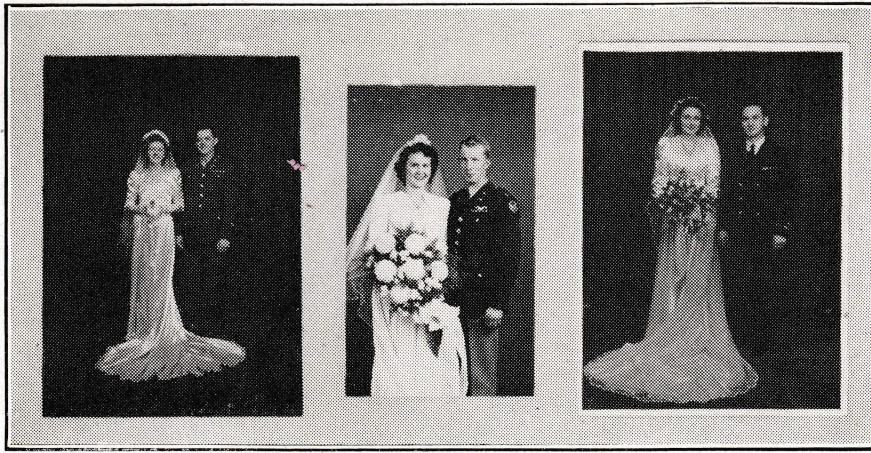
★ Another Emmanuel Church wedding was that of *Elizabeth E. Buss*, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Truman A. Buss, 18 West Laurel Street, to *J. Richard Gosztanyi, S 2/c*, son of Mr. and Mrs. Julius Gosztanyi, 733 Eleventh Avenue. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. John R. Waser assisted by the Rev. D. M. C. Englert, brother-in-law of the bride.

Mr. Buss gave his daughter in marriage. She wore a white satin gown with satin medallion trim and boufant skirt ending in a train. A finger tip veil fell from a Juliet cap with

matching halo of satin. Her bouquet was of gardenias and stephanotis. Miss Lois B. Ritz was maid of honor and Miss Audrey Ryback and Miss June Dimmick were bridesmaids. The three wore gowns of aqua tissue taffeta with matching Juliet caps and shoulder veils. They carried pink roses and baby's breath.

Paul Gery of Detroit, Mich. was best man and Edward F. Sloyer of Belfast and Richard Ruthhart of Bethlehem were ushers. The church altar was decorated with palms and gladiolus. Mrs. Ray Thomas was at the organ. A reception followed at the Hotel Bethlehem. After a honeymoon at Atlantic City the bridegroom left for Great Lakes Naval Base, Ill. for assignment.

★ A Rosemont Lutheran Church romance is that of *Austin C. Paulus, S1/c*, and his bride of September 9. The wedding took place in Rosemont church. Mrs. Paulus visited her husband at his post in Virginia during the Christmas holidays.



★ Left to right in the panel, Pfc. and Mrs. W. T. Richards, Jr., Captain and Mrs. Lee D. Eisenhart, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Baringer, Jr.

★ At 2:30 p. m. on November 11, 1944—Armistice Day—in Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Pfc. *William T. Richards, Jr.*, and Miss Lorraine B. Daniel were united in marriage by the Rev. Benjamin Lotz, pastor. The bride was attended by Mrs. Harold Davis, Mrs. John Fisher, Miss Justine Kanuck and Miss Edna Richards. Pvt. Harold Davis, brother-in-law of the bridegroom, was his best man. Ushers were William Daniel, GM 3/c, brother of the bride home on furlough after twenty-three months in the Pacific; Harry Daniels and Edward Richards.

Mrs. Richards is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Victor Daniel, 93 West Raspberry Street. Her husband is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William T. Richards, Sr., 1222 Center Street. He recently returned from France where he had been wounded last June 7. He had been at Convalescent Hospital, Ft. Story, Va.

★ The wedding of *Betty Burcaw*, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Burcaw of First Avenue, Bethlehem, and *Bos'n Ernest Baringer* took place November 15, 1944, in the Moravian Chapel, Rev. Byron Horne and Rev. T. C. Brown tying the knot. Mrs. Edward Muschlitz, sister of the bridegroom, was maid of honor and Richard Barndt was best man to the bridegroom. Earl Baringer and Robert Burcaw were ushers. Betty Keller was soloist and Charles Weiss accompanied at the organ during the candlelight ceremony. Baringer, a veteran of service in the Navy since 1936, is on sea duty.

★ The marriage of *Miss Grace Gorman*, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Francis J. Gorman of Allentown, and *Aviation Cadet Ray W. Coffman*, son of Mr. and Mrs. William J. Coffman of 330 Hanover Street, this city, took place Saturday afternoon, December 9, 1944, in St. Andrew's Reformed Church, Allentown. The double ring ceremony was used.

The bride is a graduate of Allentown High School. And is employed in the Metallurgical department of the Bethlehem Steel Company. The bridegroom, a graduate of Liberty High School. And is a member of the Young People's Fellowship and the Choir of Nativity Pro-Cathedral Church. He has been in the Army Air Corps one year. And at the present time stationed at Hendricks Field, Sebring, Fla.

★ October 24th was the wedding day of *Beatrice M. Cortright*, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Cortright of 1411 Jeter Avenue, Bethlehem, and *Captain Lee D. Eisenhart, AAF*, son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Eisenhart of Spring Valley. The ceremony was performed in New Jerusalem Church, Leithsville, by Rev. Daniel D. Kistler. Mr. Cortright gave his daughter in marriage. Mrs. William Anderson of Brooklyn, N. Y. was the bride's sole attendant and Cpl. Asa Eisenhart, brother of the bridegroom, was best man. Ushers were David Cortright, the bride's brother, and David Eisenhart, brother of Captain Eisenhart.

The bride was gowned in white brocade with train and finger-tip veil from a coronet of orange blossoms. She carried white chrysanthemums. Mrs. Anderson wore yellow chiffon and carried bronze and yellow chrysanthemums.

The church was decorated with autumn flowers and Lois Kelchner, with Mrs. Catherine Hahn at the organ, was soloist.

★ *Violet Jean Ritz*, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Ritz of 1416 Hottle Avenue, and *Petty Officer Second Class Elwood Franklin Clewell, Jr.*, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elwood F. Clewell of 1416 Center Street, were married at 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon, November 18, in Christ Evangelical and Reformed Church, Rev. A. A. Welsh officiating at the double

ring ceremony.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a gown of white satin and a Juliet cap from which fell a finger-tip length veil of tulle. She carried a white Bible with an orchid marker. Virginia Noll, maid of honor, was gowned in antique gold taffeta, matching Juliet cap and carried bronze pompons. Betty Phelps and Patricia Ritz, bridesmaids wore gowns of pale green taffeta with Juliet caps and carried bronze pompons.

Donald G. Nagle was best man and Richard Matz and John Rollo were ushers.

A reception was held at the bride's home after which the couple left on a wedding trip to New York. The bridegroom returned recently from overseas duty in the Atlantic area and after a 30-day furlough is Pacific Coast bound.

★ In one of the prettiest weddings of late Fall, *Grace Huber*, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Huber, 934 High Street, and *William G. Mease*, S 2/c, son of Mrs. Jennie L. Mease, 121 East Broad Street, became man and wife. The ceremony was performed the evening of October 12 in the Old Moravian Chapel by candlelight, Rev. John R. Waser and Rev. Byron K. Horne performing the ceremony.

Edward Huber gave Grace in marriage. Miss Helen Hewitt was maid of honor and Miss Marie Mease was bridesmaid. Richard Greiner was best man to the bridegroom and Fred Bees was usher.

The bride wore brocaded satin with fingertip veil and carried a bouquet of white roses and pompons. Miss Hewitt wore rose satin and Juliet cap to match. She carried an arm bouquet of pompons. Miss Mease was gowned in peacock blue with Juliet cap and carried pompons. The couple is at present residing at Norfolk, Va.

★ Packer Memorial Church on Lehigh University campus was the setting for a charming pre-Christmas wedding when *Jessie Carol Ayre* and *Miles Edward Apple, Jr.* S 1/c, U.S. N.R., were married at a four o'clock ceremony by the Rev. Ralph Armfield Weatherly of Kingston. The bride was given in marriage by her father, Mr. Fred P. Ayre of 401 East Market Street.

Attendants were Mrs. John C. Ruhf, sister of the bride, matron of honor, and Misses Melba Fulmer and Katrina Stolp of Bethlehem and Margaret Wickhart of Wilmington, Del. Nancy Lou, Jacquelyn and JoAnne Ayre, sisters of the bride, were junior bridesmaids.

The bride's gown was of white satin and chantilly lace with cap of rosepoint, an heirloom of her husband's maternal grandmother. She carried white orchids and bouvardia. The attendants were gowned alike in white taffeta with different colored headdresses and veiling and carried arm bouquets of pink anemone and chrysanthemums.

Sterling Wickert was Mr. Apple's best man and Fred P. Ayre, Jr., Clyde Apple, Jr., William A. Evert, Arlan Fulmer of Bethlehem, Andrew S. Anders, S 1/c, of Philadelphia, and Edward Graybill of Bethlehem were ushers.

Lighted tapers and white chrysanthemums decorated the church. Dr. T. Edgar Shields, organist, played the traditional wedding marches and a short recital before the ceremony. After a reception at the bride's home the couple left on a short honeymoon. Seaman Apple is in radio technician's school.

★ One of the prettiest Christmas holiday weddings was that of *Lt. Warren Bradford*, son of Mr. and Mrs. William E. Bradford of Mansfield, Ohio, and *Annamae Dimmick*, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Dimmick of Bethlehem. (Annamae is one of the Emmanuel Church girls who has helped address Stars on many occasions). The Rev. John R. Waser performed the double ring ceremony in Emmanuel Church in the presence of a large group of friends of the young people.

Mrs. Bradford is a graduate of Liberty Hi and Lt. Bradford graduated at Mansfield Hi and attended Lehigh University for three years studying chemical engineering. He is now at Aberdeen Proving Grounds. Stars' congratulations to Lt. Bradford in his choice of a very, very pretty bride. Lucky fellow, definitely!

★ The marriage of *Pfc. Thurlow T. Mosebach*, son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Mosebach of 927 Center Street, and *Evelyn Elizabeth Hess*, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hess of Allentown, December 7, was announced by the bride's parents. The ceremony was performed in the First Baptist Church, Gainesville, Fla., by the Rev. Dr. McCall. The double ring ceremony was used.

The bride was dressed in a white wool two piece suit with light blue accessories. Her flower was an orchid.

The couple spent their honeymoon at St. Augustine, Fla., returning to

Gainesville to the home of Mrs. Elizabeth Mosebach, where the bride remained until the first of January. She is at present with her parents. Pvt. Mosebach, veteran of overseas duty and holder of the Purple Heart, became ill of malaria while in France and is now at Camp Blanding, Fla.

★ The betrothal of *Bruce N. Handelong*, S 1/c, and *Sally Ueberroth* was announced on January 10. The engagement was announced by Miss Ueberroth's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas P. Ueberroth, 843 North Sherman Street, Allentown. No date has been set for the wedding.

Seaman Handelong has been in the Navy close to two years and is now in the Southwest Pacific. He attended Muhlenberg College as a Pre-Med. student. His bride-to-be is a graduate of Allentown Hi and is employed by Consolidated-Vultee.

★ *John Kichline*, who, before joining the Merchant Marine, lived at 811 Center Street, has become engaged to *Nancy Reichard*, daughter of Doctor and Mrs. William Reichard, 1230 North New Street. Friends of the young couple in Nativity Church wish them much happiness, in which wish Stars joins. John was a familiar figure at Nativity where he partici-

pated in choir activities, operettas, YPF, etc.

★ Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Brady recently announced the engagement of their daughter *Margaret* to *Cpl. Walter G. Musselman*, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Musselman. Cpl. Musselman studied at Clemson College, Clemson, S. C. before he enlisted in the Army in June, 1943. He went back to Clemson in the ASTP but was later transferred to the Infantry at Ft. Benning, Ga. and then to the Engineers at Camp Butner, N. C. Now he is overseas with an Engineer Combat Battalion.

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★ Upper left, *Lt. and Mrs. Warren Bradford*; upper right, *Pfc. and Mrs. Thurlow T. Mosebach*; lower left, *S 2/c and Mrs. William G. Mease*; lower right, *S 1/c and Mrs. Miles E. Apple, Jr.*



★ This unusual picture was taken without the subject, **2nd Lt. Grace Deysher Wilder**, center foreground in rain coat and hat, knowing about it. Lt. Wilder was on a shopping trip in a town in India at the time, as evidenced by the "natives" who form the background. She enlisted in May, 1942, and was at Camp Claiborne, La., for six months. It was there she was married to Capt. George F. Wilder, who is now in Germany. Lt. Wilder only recently was allowed to say that she is stationed on the Ledo Road, in the Assam jungles. She and her husband have been separated for two years. A daughter of Mrs. Maurice Deysher, 1436 Center St., she has a brother, LaRohn, who has been in the Pacific with the Navy for 21 months.

STAR'S LETTER BOX

★ "I get your publication regularly and enjoy reading all about the fellows in Bethlehem and in Salem Lutheran Church," writes **Lieut. Clem Halteman**. "I just got to this station (no date) and I have my crew and will start my combat training in a B-29 Superfortress soon. I knew my co-pilot before reporting. Expect to be in China or India in another four months or so."

★ "With every issue 'Stars in the Service' appears greater. Lots of luck! . . . **S/Sgt. Lewis R. Jaxheimer**, Dale Mabry Field, Tallahassee, Fla.
★ Dated November 19, 1944, India, **Pfc. F. E. Yeager's** letter starts: "Hiya Griffith: Just thought I'd drop you a few lines hoping you are in good shape (thanks, Francis, I am!). I'm in pretty good shape. Just got finished looking through this magazine called 'Stars in the Service.' I received this copy from another Bethlehem boy (wish you'd said who he is!). I would like to receive the magazine myself (possibly your church is not a participant in the project). Enclosed I'm sending you a snapshot recently taken when I came out of the hospital. Was stricken with malaria. I had bad luck ever since I hit Bombay eleven months ago.

"Before I was in the hospital I was D.S. with Capt. Melvyn Douglas' show troupe. He's a really swell guy to work for." (Sorry not to be able to use the photo.)

★ "I have just received your issue of the 'Stars' and want to thank you very much (December 20, 1944, South Pacific). There are pretty many fellows that I know such as the Beltzner boys. There is one other fellow here from Bethlehem, Richard Fredericks, whom I know very well. They gave me a good job recently. I'm on KP, which isn't so bad. I wash dishes. I would like to say 'hello' to all my buddies and wish them the best of luck." **Thomas W. Eckhart**, S 1/c.

★ This one is dated December 30 and is from **Pvt. Edward Bauder**, stationed with the AAF at Kingman, Ariz. "I would like to personally thank you for the swell Christmas issue of 'Stars.' I happen to be confined in the hospital here at Kingman for several weeks and it sure was swell to see and read all about the old gang back home. I realize there are many of my pals a lot worse off than I am. I am thinking about those overseas. But it is very lonely here and it sure was wonderful to read all those many fine articles from the ministers in Bethlehem. I can honestly say I have yet to see any place that celebrates Christmas more beautifully than Bethlehem, Pa. Your Christmas copy was almost as good as being home. (Those are welcome words, Ed. Thanks for your appreciation!)

"I would very much appreciate it if you would say 'hello' to Bob Ettwein for me—HELLO, BOB!—, and

hello to all the others of Ed. Bauder's old gang at Main and Laurel on behalf of Ed.

★ "Dear Grif: Well, to begin with, I want to thank you for sending me that October '44 issue of Stars (hope he has his Christmas number by now!). It came as a complete and very pleasant surprise (sounds as if he never got one before!). I find that it is the most interesting kind of book I have ever received. It really brings up to date on where most of my buddies and good friends are. I have come across names of fellows I had almost forgotten 'till I read the book and saw their pictures. I left the states in August of this year . . . I never knew how much I would miss good old Bethlehem.

"I am on a repair ship out here in the Pacific. I find the work interesting, almost like the work I did at Tech Hi. You see, I graduated from there and worked at Bethlehem Steel for about three months before coming into the Navy." . . . **Clarence "Buddy" Garis**, F 1/c.

★ From **Sgt. Carlton W. Fink**: "I have just received the Fall issue of Stars (Dec. 24th) and I am dropping you a line to show my appreciation. . . . It is especially appreciated by us fellows overseas. The last write-up about me was pretty well back and it stated I was stationed at Boca



★ It was late last Spring that the wives of **Lt. John R. Kuppinger**, Army, and **Wayne A. Kuppinger**, PM 3/c, Navy, heard the good news of the brothers meeting each other in Hawaii. Jack had a five-day furlough at the time and flew over to find Wayne on his ship. After some difficulty he was finally allowed aboard. The next day was "Liberty" day for Wayne, so the Army entertained the Navy with a BAR-B-Q at Jack's old headquarters. The tables were turned the next day and Jack played football on the Navy's favorite beach. However, he flew back to report for duty with a black eye—from the football. Within six months of that time Wayne's ship sailed for other scenes and Jack's unit moved up to the island where it had been stationed. Wayne's wife is the former Olive Crawford of this city; Jack is married to Frances Ross of Baltimore.



★ One of the most famous landmarks in the world is the Eiffel tower in Paris, France, pictured here. Readers who may have been to Paris no doubt have seen it; perhaps have ascended it to look out upon the great city on the Seine. The tower was erected for the Paris Exposition of 1889 and stands along the noble Champs-de-Mars, rising 1,000 feet into the air. The designer was Gustave Eiffel, whose name it now bears. The construction is iron lattice work, and three elevators carry passengers to the top. Cost was in excess of one million dollars, of which the French government provided \$292,000. M. Eiffel & Co. supplied the rest for a 20 year's lease of the tower. Fees for 1889 repaid the outlay. Since 1910 the tower has been used as a wireless station and a time signal center. Other uses to which it was put included a meteorological station. The soldier standing in the foreground is **Cpl. Harry C. Sieger**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Emory B. Sieger, 228 West Fairview Street, who sent the picture home. Harry has been overseas 18 months.

Raton Field, Fla. Well, I am now on the island of Saipan. I can't state where, but you've read a lot about our planes bombing Japan.

"By the way (casual, isn't he!) I was married back in May when I was home on my last furlough and I never got a chance to inform you." The bride was *Miss Frances Walrath* of New York City and the ceremony took place in a Methodist church there. The couple spent three days in New York and a week in Bethlehem. Mrs. Fink is residing at Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.

★ "I am receiving Stars regularly and want to extend my appreciation. I have been lending it to my friends and all enjoy reading it." So writes *Pvt. M. M. Berger* on January 27 from Newton D. Baker General Hospital, Martinsburg, W. Va.

★ This letter is from *Pfc. Karyl O. Carty* and is dated December 28. He says: "I just received the latest edition of Stars. I personally think it is getting better all the time . . . In

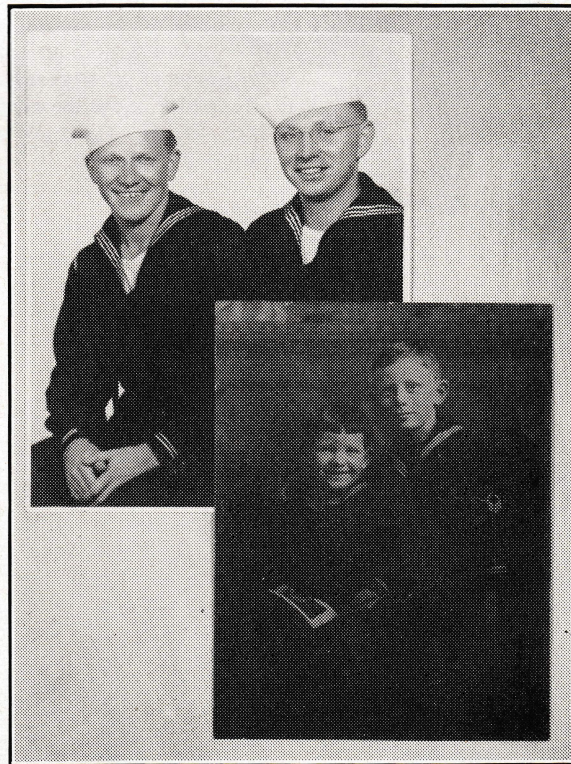
my last letter I told you I was in Ireland. Well, there really have been a heck of a lot of changes since then. One change, for instance, is that it's not been near as long going where I am now as it was back in Ireland . . . It's really hot over here, if you know what I mean . . . but don't worry, if the Germans can stand it I can."

★ Somewhere in Germany, December 20, 1944: "I have just received the Fall issue of Stars and sure was glad to hear from you all way back in good old Bethlehem. I have been getting the magazine regularly." *Pfc. Al Kucsan*.

★ January 24, 1945: "Thought you might like to know that I received the Christmas issue of Stars. It certainly was a swell idea, all those family pictures . . . Just now I'm in a hospital on the island of Oahu. I'm alright and feeling fine. It's a very nice place here. I hope to be getting

out soon. There really isn't anything the matter with me anymore; I'm just waiting to be transferred . . . Best of luck to you all." . . . "*Chuck* *Wesner, Jr., Rm 1/c*.

★ Here's a letter from the Philippines. The writer is *Sgt. C. E. Stiles, Jr.* The date, January 7, 1945. He says: "Just received the Fall issue of 'Stars in the Service' today. Read Ike Trumbore's letter and like you, considered it a masterpiece. I used to know that scrawl pretty well. We've lost contact since we both left the States. In fact I've lost contact with many former acquaintances and it has taken Stars to bring back many of them. I enjoy the mag. very much and used to share it with another Bethlehemite, but it's been a long time since I've met one. The invasion of these islands is fast becoming history and you probably have many stories about it. Mine is like all the rest. It was hot as heck



★ This is one of those picture set-ups it's hard to resist. **Ernest** and **Donald Buss**, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur J. Buss, always wanted to be sailors. When they were six and four years old their parents bought them sailor suits (so many of us wore them when we were little folks!) and had their pictures taken. Ernest is on the right, Don on the left. Well, along came the war and the Buss boys joined up. Now Ernest, top right, is SKV 3/c, and Don, at the left, is seaman second class. Ernie boot-trained at Bainbridge, Md., and was sent from there to Jacksonville, Fla., for schooling as a storekeeper. He graduated with honors and was sent to N.T.S. at Patuxent, Md., where he is now stationed. Before he went into the service he was with Eastern Aircrafts at Trenton, N. J., in the accounting department. He and his wife, the former Sieda MacMorris, are the parents of a year-and-a-half-old son, Wm. Ernest. Don started his Navy career at Camp Peary, Va., and was sent to Samson, N. Y., to storekeeper school. From there he went to Ft. McHenry, Baltimore, Md., where, at last word, he was awaiting completion of the ship to which he is assigned. Don and Evelyn, nee Bernstein, Buss have a daughter, Carol Ann. Don used to be in the time department at Bethlehem Steel. He's a Liberty Hi graduate and attended Bethlehem Business College.

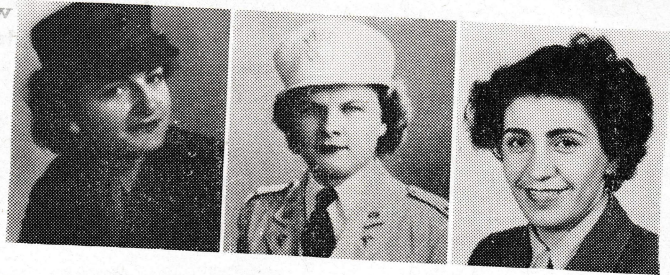
for a while when we landed, but things are shaping up nicely. Each day something new is added . . . There are a lot of conveniences we wish for and some of them are being remedied in our slow arriving mail and packages, but most we wish for is to get home and enjoy the sights of the Christmas City in snow."

★ Under a sketched South Pacific islet with a GI stretched on the sand, scribbling a letter, comes a message from *Gerald Tice*, dated January 27, 1945. "At this time," he writes, "I thought it would be nice to drop you another line because the last time I wrote was two years ago and lots of things have happened . . . In my organization is another fellow from Bethlehem and his name is Bennett. He, too, receives Stars, so the Fall and Christmas issues I had to read were his. I let him read my *Globe-Times*."

"Christmas for this year was spent in the hospital, the reason being a bad knee. I received such good treatment that I am out and feel very good. In the hospital I came across three more fellows from Bethlehem, *Lt. Newhardt*, *S/Sgt. James Rice* and *Pvt. Harold Cool*. Sgt. Rice is one of the personnel of the hospital and is assigned to special service and is doing a good job. Pvt. Cool is a member of the same church I belong to, Emmanuel E-C.

"In looking over Stars I wonder if something like a message center column could be started. I have many friends in service and have lost track of them. Having a message center in Stars one could work through that to contact his party. So, to start it off I would like to hear from *S/Sgt. Harold Ruth*, somewhere in Germany."

WOMEN IN THE SERVICES



Mary Ruth Flanagan

Arlene Jones

Kathryn Graham

★ *Pvt. Kathryn Albert Graham*, WAC, daughter of Mrs. Sandra Albert, 613 South Bishopthorpe Street, was hospitalized at Ft. Leavenworth Hospital at last reports. Kathryn was a bride several months ago. She's a member of South Side (First) Presbyterian Church.

★ *Cpl. Mary Ruth Flanagan*, U. S. M. C. W. R., is stationed with the Corps aviation at Cherry Point, N. C. She has been in the service since December 16, 1943 and is attached to the Department of Athletics and Recreation. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Flanagan of 1840 Jennings Street and is a graduate of Liberty Hi and Moravian College for Women.

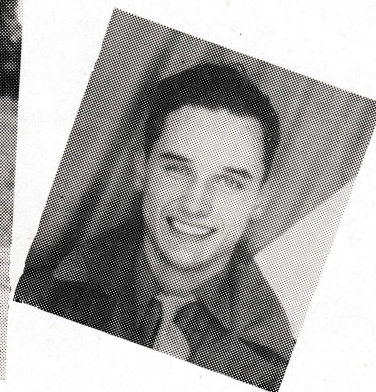
★ *Lt. Joyce B. Sieger*, ANC, veteran of one year in the Army this (February) month, is bound for parts unknown in the South Pacific area. Best of luck, Joyce.

★ *Arlene C. Jones* was commissioned a lieutenant in the Army Nurse Corps last April and is now on duty overseas in Europe. A graduate of St. Luke's Hospital School of Nursing, Lt. Jones was first assigned to Ft. George G. Mead, Md. She then went to Hugh McGuire Evacuation Hospital in Virginia and after that to a post in Virginia. A brother, *Lt. Kenneth Jones*, is overseas in the European theatre also. Arlene and Ken are children of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Jones, 1409 High Street, and members of St. Stephen's Lutheran Church.

★ *2nd. Lt. Dorothy Furry*, second of Zion E & R nurses in service, left January 15 of last year for Ft. George Meade, Md. for reassignment. Zion is proud of its patriotic girls. Dorothy is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Furry.

★ Much rejoicing went on at Fort Myers, Va., the day *Cpl. Dorothy Kunkle* of the WAC was transferred there from Camp Atterbury, Ind. For also stationed there is her friend *Cpl. Harriet Huber*, also of WAC. Both girls are members of Fritz Memorial Church and were members of the Senior Choir.

FAMILY TRIO



★ Central figure of this picture is *Lt. Col. L. V. Bewley*. "Somewhere in France" with the Field Artillery. At his left is his son, *Pfc. Robert Bewley*; at his right, *Pvt. Donald Bewley*, also his son. Both boys are in the Field Artillery, too. Colonel Bewley is now in Germany. He recently received the Silver Star for meritorious conduct. Donald is taking basic training at Fort Bragg. Bob is in Germany. He entered the service in June of 1942 and trained at Ft. Bragg. He went overseas in December of '42 and was in the D-Day invasion of Normandy. Mrs. Bewley keeps the home fires burning at 1454 Main Street.

BLESSED EVENTS

★ The *Ottinger* boys are in the news for many good reasons. First of all, *Mary Elizabeth Ottinger* presented her husband, *Lt. Samuel Ottinger*, with a 6½-lb. boy on December 21. His name is *William Edward*. Good luck to you all, Mary, Sam, and William! *Lt. Ottinger* is in the Army Airways Communication Service and is Commanding Officer of his post somewhere in India.

★ The *Robert Wallanders*, *Captain Robert L.*, and "Co-pilot" *Hazel D.*, announce the arrival of a "passenger," *Karla Jac*, weight six pounds, four ounces, on December 6, 1944. The special bulletin remarked that the young lady appeared "without baggage."

NEW JOB

★ Chaplain's Assistant is the new designation for *Cpl. Frederick Young* serving in New Guinea. A member of West Side Moravian Church, Fred finds his work interesting and rewarding and takes great pride in the job he is doing. He entered the service June 25, 1942. Fred is the son of *Harvey Young* of Allentown and brother of *Earl*, Bethlehem; *Daniel*, Wescosville; and *Joseph*, Wind Gap.



★ Even the WACs must have their brogues in shape, it seems. Here are *Lt. Olive Mills*, executive officer of a WAC postal company in Italy, and her first sergeant, *Sgt. Noreen McKusker*, of Iowa, examining the shoes of an enlisted woman to see that they are in tip-top shape. *Lt. Mills* served as a company officer before going to Italy. She is the daughter of *Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Wills*, 15th Avenue, and has been across over a year.



★ When the Germans declared war on the United States along with the Japanese, many German-supported religious missions and other works were abandoned... "orphaned." As a consequence, much of the work they had been doing in China and other lands suffered for lack of funds and the missionaries were hard put to get along. In this picture *Captain James Gillespie*, Bethlehem veterinarian who has been stationed in China over two years, is shown with two German "Sisters" and a dental hygienist, the latter from Canada. The snap was taken outside a Home for blind children in China to which American soldiers have been contributing support in return for recreation facilities in the Home buildings. (Captain Gillespie is enjoying a well-earned leave as Stars goes to press.)

ESCAPE

★ *Lt. Douglas Paul*—from a letter written Christmas Day from somewhere in Belgium, tells he escaped through German line, walked 14 hours—about 30 miles, lost his jeep, Christmas gifts and all other possessions but what he had on his person—awarded the Purple Heart for a slight scalp wound when shot through the helmet. Considers himself very lucky.

MERCHANT MARINE

★ *Melvin Sarik* is the latest addition to the services from St. John's Slovak Lutheran congregation. He recently completed training at Sheepshead Bay, N. Y.

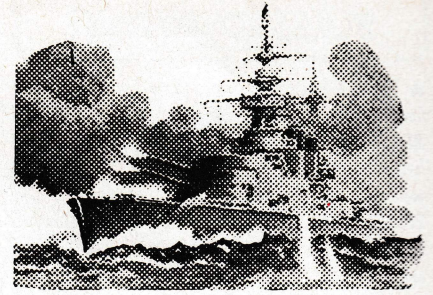
★ *Dick Cutsler*, one of the acolytes at Nativity Episcopal Church, joined the Merchant Marine and is enjoying his work very much. He is stationed at Sheepshead Bay, Brooklyn, N. Y., where he was sent on December 19. He is also a member of the church Y.P.F.

NAZI NEMESIS

★ How three young sailors from this area in the U. S. Coast Guard assisted in the action which destroyed Nazi bases in Greenland was graphically described in a newspaper article on December 21, last. One of the trio is a Bethlehem chap named *William D. Smith*, acting sergeant. The other two were *Lester F. Meyers, Jr.*, *Fc 3/c*, of Easton, and *Eugene DeBerardinis*, *Rm 3/c*, of Martin's Creek. According to the Coast Guard report, one German trawler was sunk, another captured and a third was found abandoned. Sixty prisoners were taken, and two radio weather stations were destroyed. Apparently the greater danger encountered in the expedition was not in the overcoming of the enemy but in the battle with the stormy elements. A fifty-mile gale, augmented by the menace of ice and submarines, kept the men constantly on the qui vive. *Smith* is a graduate of Liberty Hi and Bethlehem Business College. For his part in the exploit he received a letter of commendation from his captain.

THE NAVY AT SEA

"All Hands To Battle Stations"



★ Read down, left to right: First row, **Quentin E. Zell, Samuel Asber, Michael Yarnicky, Charles Morgan, James Zimmerman**; 2nd row, **Edward Mease, Arthur Bomboy, Ned Kelchner, Edward Reiss**; 3rd row, **William Guest, Thomas Kimmel, George Fogel, Milton Minster, William Sloyer.**

★ When Stars was first published, even so short a time as two years ago, most of you fellows were still in this country. The proportion overseas or at sea was small. Now, most of you are out of the country.

★ Exact whereabouts of *Milton W. Minister, Y 1/c*, isn't known, but he is somewhere in the Pacific area. A member of the Naval Reserve, he was called up for active duty May 15, 1941. In December of that year he was sent to Lehigh University where he spent 18 months in Naval Training School studying Diesel engineering. In June, 1943, he was sent to Muhlenberg College, Allentown, where he was Yeoman-in-charge of the Navy V-12 unit. Yeoman Minster married Hazel M. Richter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John C. Richter on Thanksgiving Day, 1943, the Rev. H. J. Croushore performing the ceremony.

★ *Arthur R. Bomboy, EM 3/c*, son of Mrs. Lillian Bomboy of 543 Fourth Avenue, is just another one who is now "at sea," somewhere in the Atlantic. He entered the service in June of 1944 and went to Bainbridge, Md. From there he was sent to repair base at San Diego, Calif. In October of the same year he moved to Norfolk, Va. and received his present assignment.

★ A short Christmas Day visit home was the last trip *William O. Sloyer, S 2/c*, was able to make before he shipped out on a cargo ship as a radar man. He came from Rhode Island to New York on a plane. Bill, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe J. F. Sloyer, 524 Fifth Avenue, graduated at Liberty Hi in June, 1944, and went into the Navy on the 19th, four days before his 18th birthday.

★ A "baby flat-top" is *Charles W. Morgan, Jr.*'s place of abode these days. Charley, seaman second class, recently told his family he is now FPO. After his boot training at Bainbridge, Md., he was sent to Puget Sound Navy Yard at Bremerton, Wash. to learn all about his new ship. Sports always interested him while he was a student at Liberty Hi and now his dad, C. W. Morgan of 47 East Goepf Street, sends him all scores regularly. Morgan is a member of St. Paul's E & R Church.

★ *Edward Reiss, S 1/c*, member of an LST crew, is in England. Ed's a veteran of service since May, 1943, and has been overseas for ten months. He's a loyal son of Pennsylvania for, he writes, "life over there is OK" but "I prefer Pennsylvania to any other place." Nice going, Ed.

★ Here's a sailor who is on an island we once had the pleasure of visiting, Trinidad, B.W.I. Of course, our visit was during peace times and the picturesque British possession was one of the high spots of the cruise. *Ned S. Kelchner, F 1/c*, probably has seen the famous Pitch Lake from which asphalt is taken for use all over the world, and no doubt has found Port O'Spain just as fascinating and colorful as Ye Ed. found it fifteen years ago. Don't be surprised if Ned brings home a glittering parrot from the famed Street of Birds. Ned received his boot training at Bainbridge, Md., was transferred to Gulfport, Miss. and later to Richmond, Va. Back home in Bethlehem, wife Ruth and son John Charles wait for him.

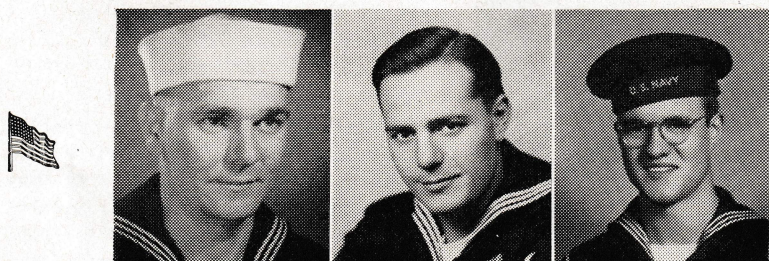
★ *Edward Mease, S 1/c*, was last reported serving aboard a destroyer escort. Ed. is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Mease and a graduate of Hellertown Hi, class of 1944. He entered the service in November of 1943. Upon completion of his basic training at Sampson, N. Y., he was sent to Norfolk, Va., and in recent months has been in the South Pacific area.

★ An interesting item on *Quentin E. Zell, Adm. 3/c*, remarks that he received the highest average in his class and was voted the outstanding man in his L.C.S.L. crew. He's the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Zell, 528 Fifth Avenue, a graduate of Liberty Hi and Muhlenberg College.

★ *Michael Yamnicky*, veteran of action aboard the U. S. S. Quincy, was home for the New Year holiday. He is the son of the Joseph Yamnicks of Second Avenue, Hellertown. His brother, *Joe, Jr.*, is at sea aboard a destroyer escort.



★ Read down, left to right: First row, **Jack Jones, Richard Neith, William Vitez**; 2nd row, **Geza Leposa, Kenneth Boyer, Fred Diehl, Martin Simsak**; 3rd row, **Ray Neipert, William Zieger, William Kline**.



Clarence A. Jacoby

Horace A. Butz

Clem Leftwich

★ Our St. Mark's correspondent says *Clarence A. Jacoby, S 2/c*, husband of the former Althea Burg, is on duty aboard a battleship in Pacific waters. Jacoby, who hails from 714 High Street and who is the son of Harry Jacoby, 547 Spring, entered the Navy May 16, 1944. He received his boot training at Norfolk, Va. He used to work for the Coca-Cola Bottling Company. Now he is a ship's baker.

★ *Thomas F. Kimmel*, who is the husband of Josephine Miller, 111 Washington Avenue, has received the rating of Radarman 3/c. He has been in the Navy since January 27, 1944 and attended Radar school at Virginia Beach, Va., and Miami, Fla. He has been assigned to an auxiliary craft and is now in the Pacific area.

★ *George C. Fogel*, a cousin of the Fogel brothers of Washington Avenue, is serving in the South Pacific, where he has been for the past two years. His last trip home was last February. He's a member of Zion E & R Sunday School.

★ Friends of *Samuel Asber, Cox*, were, at last reports, awaiting his return to this country after a year of duty overseas. He expected to fly from Africa.

★ Here's another of these LST-men, *James C. Zimmerman, QM, S 2/c*, now in the Pacific battle area as member of the crew of one of those unique vessels. Jim has been in the Navy since February of '43 and after training at Sampson, N. Y., was sent to Quartermaster school in Providence, R.I., and Gulfport, Miss. After completing this phase of training he was sent to the Amphibious base at Solomon's, Md., for intensive work before going across.

★ After a long tour of duty at the Allentown receiving center, *Horace A. Butz, Y 2/c*, was assigned to a destroyer escort and is now bounding up and down on the broad Atlantic. Horace, husband of Margaret Butz, 411 First Avenue, entered the service October 15, 1942 and was in Allentown until August, 1944, when the center closed.

★ Here's to the landlubber translated into a sailor who admits that "the sea has actually gotten into my blood!" He's *Clem. S. Leftwich, S 2/c*, now with a destroyer escort vessel on Atlantic duty. Clem was inducted out of Moravian College on February 22, 1944 and boot trained at Sampson, N. Y. Among his experiences at sea since being assigned at Norfolk, Va., he counts a real, live hurricane.

★ *Thomas E. Wehr, Phm 2/c*, until now, has been advanced to pharmacist mate first class. He is with a Naval hospital in New Guinea, whence he was transferred from Australia. He is a specialist in Tropical Medical work. He's the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Wehr, 90 East Broad Street. A few weeks ago Tom and Lester Rader met in New Guinea and had an old-fashioned gabfest.

★ The word is that *Geza W. Leposa, RT 3/c*, is at present aboard a war-

ship in the Pacific. Leposa attended radio technician school at Michigan City, Utah, and Washington, D. C. He enlisted September 28, 1943. He is a graduate of Tech Hi and a member of St. John's Windish Lutheran Church.

★ A veteran of the service since May 24, 1942 is *William Stanley Zieger, SM 2/c*, son of Mrs. Anna Zieger, 516 Vineyard Street. He has eleven months at sea in the Atlantic area, with participation in the D-Day invasion of Normandy, to his credit, and is now in the Pacific after a long furlough at home.

★ *Ray Neipert, HA 2/c*, Medical Department, NAS, is overseas out of San Francisco, and writes that he has received his issues of Stars. Says he didn't know so many of his friends were in service. Good Luck, Ray!

★ We learn that *Kenneth L. Boyer, S 3/c*, member of Wesley Methodist Church, is a member of the crew of an LST. He had been stationed in Northern Africa. Ken is a coin collector and is making an interesting hobby of it in his spare time.

★ *Sailor Jack Jones, S 1/c*, is one Bethlehemite who went overseas aboard the famous luxury liner, Queen Mary. So far he is the only one we have heard of, but there no doubt are many others "in the same boat." Jack, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Jones, is in England with an LST crew. He enlisted a year ago this month (February) and took part in the invasion on D-Day, June 6, 1944. He passed his 18th birthday on July 3rd.

★ Waiting for orders at Jacksonville, Fla., is *William J. Kline, SM 3/c*, son

of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Kline, 1326 Easton Avenue. Bill entered the Navy January 4, 1944 and since that time has seen quite a bit of the world. He has been in Africa and Italy and took part in the invasion of southern France. He is engaged to Frances Becker of Spring Street, and is a member of St. Matthew's Lutheran congregation.

★ *William F. Guest, S 2/c*, in a letter to his wife said that while he would have much preferred to be home for the holidays had the next best thing happen to him. Even though out in the Pacific he had six other Bethlehem boys to share the holidays with him. Bill is a gunner on a battleship and in his own gun crew are two other Bethlehem boys who went through boot training with him, which is pretty nice, he admits. While they are docked in Hawaii along comes another battleship, with two more Bethlehem buddies, also alumni from the same boot training period. And as if that wasn't enough, didn't he find stationed on the island one of his old high school buddies. Seems even the Pacific can be small at times. Bill is from Fritz Memorial Church.

★ Since last July *Floyd W. Diehl, EM 3/c*, has been on active submarine duty. He entered the service in September of '43 and was first at Sampson, N. Y. After completing electrician's mate course there he volunteered for sub. duty and underwent training at New London, Conn.

★ *Mr. and Mrs. Charles Roessel*, 41 East Ettwein Street, have received word their son, *Harold*, has been made an Ensign. Harold enlisted Dec. 8, 1942. His wife, the former Dorothy Hart, waits for her husband, now somewhere in the Pacific.

★ *Martin A. Simsak, S 1/c*, has been almost a year overseas and is now in the South Pacific aboard a destroyer escort. He has been in uniform since February 22, 1944. His wife and child, a son almost three years old, are living at 1701 East Third Street.

(Note: It was nice to see Martin in Salem Church a week or so ago. He was home on a short leave to see his family.)

★ *William L. Vitez, MM 3/c*, helps keep the invasion fleets ticking as a machinist aboard a ship repair unit in the New Guinea area. He has been in service since April 5, 1944. He's the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Vitez, 251 East Church Street.

★ *Franklin Hawk, GM 2/c*, expected to return to the States after two years of tropical weather and may be home by now. He wrote that he was looking forward to cold weather and snow—and there's been plenty of both!



★ Two sailors who "think they're salty," in the words of *Donald Vollman*, left, who sent the picture some time ago. It was mislaid and left out of an earlier edition. The other chap is *Lewis Luther*. Both are out of the country.

★ In battles of old, Generals had their horses shot out from under them, but in today's battles Uncle Sam's sailor men now and then have their ships made into mincemeat (but not so often!) and here is *James S. Fritchman, F 1/c*, of 316 Linden Street, Hellertown, who is on his sixth ship. Jim was inducted January 11, 1944 and trained at Sampson, N. Y. He was assigned to sea duty and is now aboard a destroyer escort. He is engaged to Myrtle Cressman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Cressman, R. D. 4. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Robert Fritchman.

★ *LeRohn Deysher, Mus. 2/c*, who has eaten three Christmas dinners in the Navy (and who says his last one was very good indeed) hopes to be home in Bethlehem for the fourth Yuletide meal. His ship participated with distinction in the battle for Leyte.

★ Only recent word of *Dick Neith*, son of the Harold Neiths of 113 Hills Row, is that he is somewhere at sea.

★ This is what *Russell J. J. Graber, Bkr. 3/c*, wrote to his family back home of how Christmas Day was celebrated aboard his ship stationed in South Pacific waters: "This is Christmas Day, but it doesn't seem like it. It is very hot. We had some rain last night . . . did you have any snow? I sure would like to see a White Christmas again! There were special services aboard one of the larger ships this morning. It was nice, but very brief. For dinner we had roast turkey with all the trimmings." Russ is a member of St. Paul's Reformed church and the son of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Graber, 1537 Linden Street.

★ *Joseph T. Whitley, Jr., EM 2/c*, hails originally from Girardville, Pa. He came to Bethlehem to live with his sister, Mrs. R. S. Wolfgang, wife of the pastor of Olivet E-C Church, and to attend Tech Hi, where he was taking an electrical course when he succumbed to the call of the Navy. He enlisted in December, 1941, and, after training at Newport, R. I., was sent to Iowa State College at Ames,

Iowa. From there he went to Puget Sound Navy Yard, Washington, and to the U. S. School of Mine Warfare in Virginia. After that it was sea duty with a mine sweeper in the Atlantic. He did a turn in the Canal Zone and now is in the Southwest Pacific.

★ An enthusiastic and interesting description of the ship's Christmas service was written home to his friends in Grace Lutheran Church by *Clayton George*. Clayton has a new rating, SSM, and is attached to the ship's laundry. He says a choir is being formed on his vessel.

★ "It's a small world," is the claim of *Howard Host, RM*, who claims to have run into many friends from home during his Navy life. Host is in Leyte and has been in the South Pacific since May, 1944.

★ *Rahyl Ocock, GM 3/c*, is now aboard a destroyer in the North Atlantic. He's been in service since July 17, 1942. His mother reports that *Arthur Jones* of 830 New Street, also is in the service.



THE NAVY IN HOME WATERS

"Fleets In — Every Man For Himself"

★ Learning to be a radioman at radio transmitter school in Florida, *Steve Jakisa, ARM, 3/c*, is rounding out two years in the Navy. He was home for ten days during the latter part of January to see his mother, Mrs. Victor Jakisa. Steve says of the Navy, "It's a great life!"

★ *Russell W. Sloyer, S 1/c*, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey F. Sloyer, 1209 Main Street, Hellertown, is presently stationed at U. S. Naval Air Station, Dallas, Texas. Russ entered the service a year ago, February 10, 1944, at Great Lakes N.T.S., Chicago, and from there went to Dallas. He is married to the former Grace Meixell, of 1430 Easton Avenue, and is a graduate of Hellertown Hi and a former employee of the Air Reduction Co.

★ Solomons, Md., is the present "home" of *Glen Halum*. Glen entered the Navy October 1, 1943 and, after the usual prelims at Sampson, became an instructor at Shell Beach, La. He had a happy seven-day leave not long ago with his wife, Pauline, and youngster.



★ Read across, top row, left to right, *Russell Sloyer, Calvin Frey, Leonard Edwards*; lower row, same order, *Stephen Jakisa, Paul Gilbert, Glenn Halum, George Hawk*.



Henry Albert



Franklin Marshall



Roy Lahr



Richard Hill



George Antolick



Charles Worsley

★ *Richard S. Hill, S 1/c*, is at Solomons, Md., where he was transferred recently after completing boot training at Sampson, N.Y. Dick entered the service January 6, 1944. He's the son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hill and the husband of the former Bettie Danner.

★ *Charles A. Worsley, F 2/c*, who recently was home on a 9-day furlough to see his parents, Dr. and Mrs. N. A. Worsley of Hellertown R. D. 1, has been transferred from Bainbridge, Md. to the U. S. Naval Unit, Special Projects Division at Camp Detrick, Frederick, Md. He is a graduate of Tech Hi, 1940, and worked at BSCo. as a machinist.

★ *George A. Antolick, Jr., S 2/c*, was, as this is written, awaiting orders at Bainbridge, Md., after completion of boot training at the same place. He's an old friend of Stars since he was reporter and booster at St. Mark's Lutheran Church before entering the service. He was active in his church and was president of the Luther League. He graduated at Liberty Hi in 1940 and had been employed in No. 7 machine shop at BSCo. before entering the service. George is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George Antolick, Sr., 1306 East Fifth Street. He was able to spend Christmas with his family and attended services at St. Mark's with his wife.

★ *Calvin J. Frey, F 2/c*, is at Sampson, N. Y. attending electrical school. He finished his boot training some time ago and spent a short visit at home with his mother, Mrs. Henry Frey of 228 East North Street. Young Frey was attending Tech Hi before entering the Navy in August, '44, and was employed at the College Inn. He was patrol leader in Troop 15, Boy Scouts, and is a member of St. Paul's E & R church.

★ *Henry Eli Albert, MM 2/c*, son of Mrs. Scandra Albert of 613 Bishopthorpe Street, is in Baltimore, Md.

★ *Paul Gilbert*, son of Mrs. Charles Gilbert, 731 West Broad Street, formerly a machinist at the Bethlehem Steel plant, has entered the Navy. He's a graduate of Fountain Hill Hi.

★ *Mrs. Milton Hawk*, of 1021 North New Street, whose son, *Milton*, was killed in action June 24 at Myitkyina in Burma, tells us that Milton's brother, *George*, now a seaman second class, paid his family a visit during December at the end of his 14-week boot training period at Camp Peary, Va. George, member of Salem Lutheran Church, is now at Camp Endicott, R. I. Mrs. Hawk tells of letters received by her and Mr. Hawk from Milton's commanding officer, his chaplain and his sergeant, all of whom praised Milt for his fine soldierly qualities and his bravery and sacrifice. His sergeant, Sgt. Keeler, wrote that he hopes some day to meet Milt's family, a fine tribute to both the dead soldier and to his parents. Milton was Salem Church's first son to make the supreme sacrifice on the field of battle in this war. He and George have 14 cousins in the armed forces, scattered all over the world.

★ *Ensign C. T. Edwards*, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. T. Edwards, was home from the Pacific theatre over the holidays. He is now in Atlantic City awaiting orders.

★ *Mrs. Roy H. Lahr, Jr.* has been informed that her husband, a fireman second class, has been injured in the hand and that he is in a Naval hospital at Long Beach, Calif. He has been in service since June 30.

★ *Franklin T. Marshall, SF 2/c*, is still in Hawaii with the Sea-Bees. He's the son of Mrs. Charles Marshall of Grace E. & R. Church.

★ *Robert F. Danner*, who has completed a year in the Navy (and more, by now) has been advanced to Aviation Radio Man Third Class and is now attending N.A.T.S. at Bradford, S. C.

★ A "terrible fate" awaits *Willard W. Paden, A/S*, a "bootee" at Sampson since December 26. This unlucky tar is afraid they may make a choir singer out of him . . . he was going to try out for the post choir. He says St. Stephen's church failed at what the Navy is attempting.

★ *Robert Wessner, S 1/c*, son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Wessner, Sr., of West Ettwein Street, is confined to the U. S. Naval Hospital, New Orleans, La. Bob has a new bride, a Louisiana gal, everyone back home is anxious to know. Best wishes for health and happiness, Wessners!

★ We are told that *Joe Persa, MM 3/c*, is an instructor at a submarine base in Key West, Fla. Joe is the son of the Steve Persas of Wyandotte Street. He was inducted May 28, 1943 and after boot training at Sampson was sent to Diesel Engineering school at Richmond, Va. He volunteered for submarine service and subsequently trained at New London, Conn.

★ News of *Joseph Pecsek, A/S*, is that he is attending Radio Technician school in Chicago. Other news . . . he's engaged to Doris Crafton of Carlton Avenue. Joseph is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Pecsek, 539 Hillside Avenue. He attended Moravian Prep prior to induction, and studied electrical engineering at Lehigh University. He was inducted September, 1944, and learned the Navy way at Bainbridge, Md.

★ *Harold A. Ziegenfuss, S 2/c*, who sang in the choir of Nativity Episcopal Church for 11 years, is in Boston on assignment. He put his vocal talents to good use at Sampson, N. Y. while a "bootee" there, singing on the camp chair. He is a graduate of BHS, class of '44, and was head cheerleader. The son of Mrs. Mabel H. Ziegenfuss of Pawnee Street, he is a member of St. Peter's Lutheran Church.

★ Mr. and Mrs. Edward Scholl, formerly of Springtown, have been informed of the advancement of their son, *R. E. Scholl*, from Ensign to Lieutenant (jg) while serving aboard a giant battleship overseas. Lt. Scholl was employed by the Bethlehem Steel Company prior to entering the service in September, 1943. He is engaged to Doris Grant, 312 East Union Street.

★ Navy life is fine, but civilian life is finer is the firm conviction of *Fred Kalmbach, F 1/c*, who is presently attending Diesel school.

★ Another son of St. Mark's, *Leonard H. Edwards, S 2 c*, is taking radio school work at Gulfport, La. He previously was a student at Hugh Manley School, Chicago, to which place he had been transferred after boot training at Sampson, N. Y. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Edwards, 826 Tomblor Street, he is a graduate of Fountain Hill Hi. He's married to Carolyn Drumheller of North Street. Bethlehem Steel employed him at the Lackawanna, N. Y. plant.

★ *Charles R. Lux, ARM 3/c*, son of Mrs. Ida Lux, 606 Piot Street, spent an unexpected Christmas visit with his mother, receiving leave to do so. He attended the early service at St. Mark's Lutheran Church. He's been overseas for some time but is taking special radio work in Florida.

★ When *James Frankenfield* left to go into the Navy in December Grace Lutheran Church lost a valuable and useful man. Jim had all the jobs he could handle, from Church Council secretary to Sunday School superintendent. He is getting along fine at Bainbridge, Md.

★ After 13 months service in South America *John M. Antolick, AMM 3/c*, brother of George, came home to the U.S.A. and enroute had a 22 day "delay enroute", which enabled him to pay a visit to his family here. He is now at Shoemaker, Calif., waiting orders—or was when this was written. Time flies! Family and friends were glad to see him looking the picture of health. Since arriving in California, Johnnie has written interestingly of the activities of the Lutheran Church on the west coast. He visited a Lutheran canteen in the town one day, he said, and found to his surprise that the folks serving that day were from "St. Mark's Church,"—a pleasant reminder of his own church back home.

ATTENTION

★ "Stars" is always proud and happy to print any authentic news and reproduce any pictures of any service man, who is a member of a participating church. 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 and the invitation still holds good, as has been made clear numerous times.

FAMILY STUFF

COUSINS



★ This pair are cousins in service. Left, *Pvt. Roy D. Hagen*; right, *Pfc. Laura D. Hagen*. Roy is in England with the Army, Laura at Ft. Lewis, Washington with the WAC. Both are members of St. Peter's Lutheran Church. Roy was always interested in sports and was scoutmaster of Troop 8, Boy Scouts, before the service "got him." He has been in since last May. Laura has been in the WAC since last January. She had been active at her church in Luther League, choir and Children of the Church.

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SISTERS



★ Emmanuel Evangelical-Congregational Church boasts two sisters in the service. *Jeanette Funk*, left, is a seaman in the Spars in which she enlisted July 30, 1944. After training at Palm Beach, Fla., she was sent to St. Louis, Mo., where she is now stationed. *Thelma*, a WAC private, is at Kelly Field, Texas. She received her training at Ft. Oglethorpe, Pa. The girls are daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Funk, 743 Center Street.

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SISTER-BROTHER



★ On the left, *Helen A. Aldinger, Y. 2/c*; on the right, her brother *Pvt. Albert J. Aldinger*, son and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Aldinger, Sr., 1163 East Fourth Street, both serving their country. Helen is stationed at Great Lakes, Ill, where she is secretary at the regimental office. She may go to Hawaii . . . in fact may be there now! She has been in the service since February 7, 1942. Al enlisted November 16, 1943 and trained at Camp Blanding, Fla. He is now at Camp Hood, Texas, in the Ordnance service.

VICTOR and VANQUISHED

As one who long hath fled with panting breath
Before his foe, bleeding and
and near to fall,
I turn and set my back
against the wall,
And look thee in the face,
triumphant death.
I call for aid, and no one
answereth;
I am alone with thee, who
conquerest all;
Yet me thy threatening form
doth not appall,
For thou art but a phantom
and a wraith,
Wounded and weak, sword
broken at the hilt,
With armor shattered and
without a shield,
I stand unmoved; do with me
what thou wilt;
I can resist no more, but will
not yield.
This is no tournament where
cowards tilt;
The vanquished here is victor
of the field.

—Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

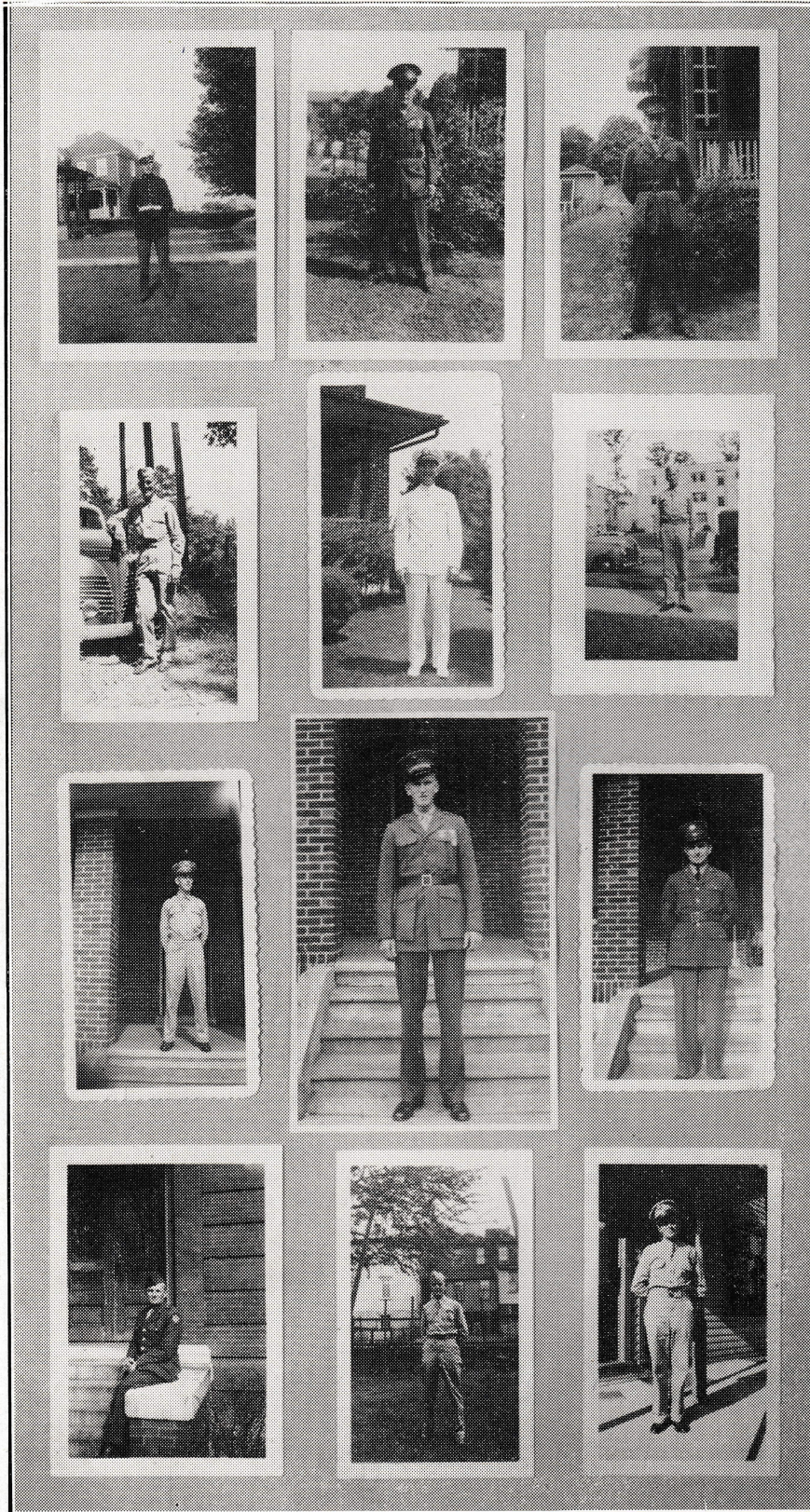
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BROTHERS IN ARMS

"All For One and One For All"



★ Read across and down, left to right: **William H., Ralph and Walter N. McKinnon;** next below, **Augustus, Stanley, and William Thomas;** next below, **John and Alfred Thomas** and brother-in-law **Clair Colby;** lower row, **Edward W., Robert L., and Charles A. Green.**

★ Here's news of the three *McKinnon* brothers, *Pfc. William S., Pvt. Walter N.* and *Pvt. Ralph,* all with the Marines. William was recently home on a 15-day furlough after a session in the South Pacific. While at home he married Dorothy Minnick of Allentown. Walter also is a recent bridegroom, having wed Verla Madsen of Fountain Hill. At last reports he was ready to sail and has probably gone by now. Ralph "Buck" is stationed at Congardee Field, Columbia S. C.

★ Five sons and a son-in-law in the service are the proud boast of *Mr. and Mrs. William Thomas,* members of Wesley Methodist Church. The sons are *Pfc. William B.,* with the Engineers somewhere in Belgium; *Cpl. Augustus W.,* with the Field Artillery at Ft. Benning, Ga.; *Lt. Stanley C.,* squadron commander of PT boats (Navy) near the Philippines; *Sgt. Alfred L.,* somewhere in the Marianas with the Marines; and *Cpl. John J.,* somewhere in the fighting in Belgium with the Army. The son-in-law is *S/Sgt. Clair R. Colby,* located with the Air Force at Dyersburg, Tenn.

★ *Charles, Edward and Robert Green,* sons of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Green, Sr., 748 Pawnee Street, are with the Army overseas. Charles, a sergeant, entered the service April 22, 1942, and was stationed at Camp Blanding, Fla., and Ft. Bragg, N. C. He is in France now. Ed has been in the Army since February 25, 1943. He trained at Key Fields, Miss.; Myrtle Beach Bombing Range, S. C., and Congaree Army Air Field, S. C. He is now in Belgium. Bob is in the Southwest Pacific. He has worn the uniform since February 5, 1943. He trained at Camp Bowie, Texas, and Camp Lee, Va. He has been overseas since September, 1943.

★ Mr. and Mrs. Seth T. Williams of 69 W. Greenwich Street have two sons and a son-in-law in Uncle Sam's Army: *Pfc. Seth T. Williams Jr.* is a photographer in the Air Corps somewhere in the Marianas. He entered the service April 24, 1943. After training in eight different camps in the States, Seth left for the South Pacific on November 6. In a recent letter to his parents, he says: "The sunsets are gorgeous; and swimming in the tropical waters under the hot sun is grand, but I wish I could be with the folks back home."

Pvt. "Jack" E. Williams, enlisted May 9, 1944. He became an ASTP student July 5, graduating from the A-12 course on his 18th birthday, December 30, 1944.

★ Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Miller, of 929 Sixth Avenue, are proud of two sons in the services, both of them officers. 1st. Lt. Edwin H. Miller has been overseas more than a year with the Quartermaster Corps. He has served in France and Belgium and is now in Germany. 2nd. Lt. Louis E. Miller was graduated at bombardier school, Kirtland Field, Albuquerque, N. M. in July, 1944, and is now in Italy with the crew of a B-24. Edwin is a graduate of Liberty Hi and Lehigh University and is a member of the First Baptist Church. Louis also graduated at LHS and attended Lehigh for one year before becoming an air cadet. He is a member of Holy Trinity Lutheran.

★ The three sons of Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Masteller, Harold, Robert and William, are in the Navy, Harold, S 1/c, at Key West, Fla., Robert, S 3/c, on the high seas, and William, F 1/c, in LST training at New Orleans. Bill entered the service December 27, 1943, and recently graduated from Great Lakes Diesel school. Harold has been in the Navy since May 20, 1944, and Robert since January 5, 1944. Their pictures appeared in the Fall issue of Stars.

★ James Rieger, EM 3/c and Pvt. Paul Rieger, U.S.M.C., are sons of Mrs. Estella Rieger, Bethlehem R. D. 4. James is stationed at Bremerton, Wash. while Paul is pretty much on the move and his whereabouts not known. Both are former BSCo. employees.

★ Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Parker, 919 West High Street, have two boys in service, Russell and Albert Parker. Russ, now in France, was inducted in January of last year. He served first at Camp Croft, S. C., and, after a 15-day furlough, was sent to England, and now is in France with the M.P. force. He is married to Loretta Fisher of Leighton.

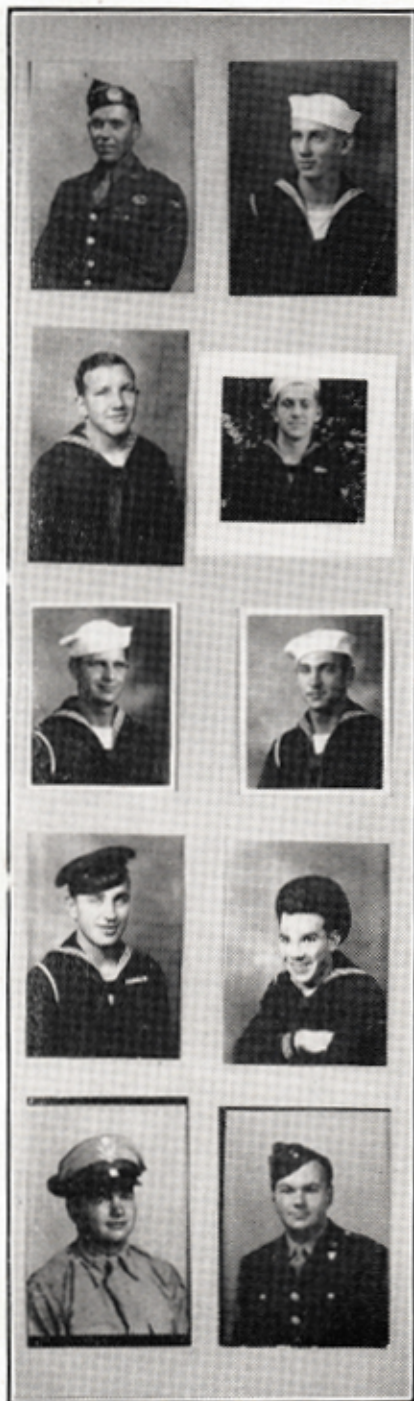
Al has been in service since November 24, 1942. He trained at Camp Swift, Texas, and was sent across from Camp Dix, N. J. Now he is with the Tank Corps in Germany. Both boys are members of the First Nazarene Church.

★ A matter of a few hours caused John A. Vogel, CM 3/c, to miss seeing his brother, Cpl. William Vogel, on a recent visit to the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. August Vogel. John is in the Sea-Bees and came home on a 30-day furlough after a year in the Aleutians. Bill is in the Glider Infantry and is in France. John is now in the South Pacific—from chills to fever!

★ So many of the fellows we wrote about in earlier issues are now veterans of much action and hardened sight-seers. Lester Rader, a ship fitter and chief petty officer, is somewhere in New Guinea. His brother, David G. Rader, S 1/c, has been in Africa, France and Italy with the Naval Armed Guard. Lester got his boot training at Bainbridge, Md., was transferred to Phila. Navy Yard and then to Norfolk, Va., from where he was sent overseas. Dave started to learn the Navy ropes at Camp Perry, Va., and was sent from there to Armed Guard school at Norfolk, Va. He was home on a short leave recently, and then went to Newport, Va.

★ Most recent word of Jim Liebold (Navy) was written during the big January snow storm. He was in Philadelphia at the time, enroute home, having finished his training at Perdue University with the rating of electrician's mate third class. He left the Quaker City in the morning on the Liberty Bell but got only as far as Norristown. The snow kept the cars from going farther. He had to wait until 5 p.m. for a train. This was his first trip east from Indiana since September and he had just seven days' leave. Bill, his younger brother, also in the Navy, is at Miami, Fla. Both boys are former acolytes at Nativity and members of the Fellowship.

★ Robert P. Derr, S 1/c, and LeRoy R. Derr, S 1/c, sons of Mr. and Mrs. George Derr, are brothers of Pvt. James Bartholomew, with the Army overseas in Belgium. Bob entered the service in April, 1943, and is in the Pacific area. LeRoy enlisted in April, 1944, and is at present aboard ship. He is a radio signalman.



★ Read across and down: Top, William and John Vogel; next below, David and Lester Rader; center row, James and William Liebold; next to bottom, Robert and LeRoy Derr; lower row, Louis E. and Edwin H. Miller.

★ Sgt. Bruce R. Hagey is the new title found on his mail. Sgt. Hagey, at Camp Pickett, Va., just received his promotion. Pfc. Charles D. Hagey, his brother, is seeing action with the Twelfth Infantry. He was in the battles of Hurtgen Forest and Luxembourg and sent home to his mother, Mrs. Charles Hagey, 471 Montclair Avenue, the commendation that was given each soldier in his outfit by their Colonel, for bravery during the action in Hurtgen Forest. Both boys are members of Fritz Memorial Church.



Albert Parker

Russell Parker

James Rieger

Paul Rieger



Walter Reichard

Fred. Reichard

Clifford Reichard

Franklin Voros

Stephen Voros

Charles Voros

★ *Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Reichard*, 117 Mechanic Street, are the proud parents of three sons in the service, two in the Navy and one in the Air Force. *Frederick*, a staff sergeant and the oldest of the boys, is in England with the AAF. He has been in the service since March, 1942, and received his training at Muroc, Calif. He is a graduate of Tech Hi.

Walter, second son, is a seaman second class in the Navy and is presently aboard a destroyer escort in the Pacific where he has seen plenty of action. Walt has been in the service since March, 1944. He attended Broughal and Tech and is married. He trained at Bainbridge, Md., and Norfolk, Va.

Third son is *Clifford*, *F 1/c*, U.S.N., who has been in service since October, 1943. He has been serving aboard an LST in the Pacific. Cliff, too, has seen much action and was in on the New Guinea and other invasions. He attended Broughal.

★ So near and yet so far might very well be the motto of the three Lindner brothers, *Staff Sgt. George*, *Lt. Col. Kenneth*, and *Pvt. Earl Lindner*, particularly of the first two. They met in Germany after a separation of 17 months and after both had been overseas a year. They went overseas in the same convoy in which they embarked at the same port, and were but a few miles apart on the Normandy beaches during the invasion. In November George managed to spend two days with his brother at the latter's quarters in Germany. Earl is in an Infantry replacement camp at Camp Blanding, Fla. He was inducted November 28 from his studies at Bowman Technical School, Lancaster, Pa., where he was studying watchmaking. The trio belong to St. Peter's Lutheran Church.

★ *Sgt. David Ottinger*, stationed in

New Guinea, was awarded the Air Medal for "meritorious achievement while participating in aerial combat." Another brother, *Lt. James Ottinger*, a bomber pilot, was recently stationed in New Guinea. He hasn't yet met his brother Dave but as he says he's "on the alert" for him. Here's hoping they have a reunion! All the boys are from Fritz Memorial Methodist Church.

★ Latest word Stars has of *Cpl. Harold Eckert* places him in England. He is a B-24 turret gunner. After completion of his basic training he was schooled in gunnery at Laredo, Texas. Then came a furlough home and after that he was sent to Walla Walla, Wash., to pick up the rest of his crew.

Present location of his brother, *Kenneth*, is not known, but he is overseas with the pack animal division of the Infantry. He has been across since January 5 after training at Camp Blanding, Fla., and Camp Swift, Texas. He is married and the father of three children. The boys are members of Calvary E & R Church.

★ *Erwin and John Sterner* are sons of Mr. and Mrs. Roland Sterner, 1602 Elliott Avenue, and both are stationed in France, although not with the same unit. They managed to meet a few months ago. Erwin has been in uniform since August, 1942, and John since April, 1943. Edwin is married to the former Laurene Baer. Both boys are members of Rosemont Lutheran Church.

★ Reunion in Berlin is the aim of the *Eisenhart* brothers, *Wallace* and *Kenneth*. Here's thumbs up on that hope, you two! Wallace is a corporal and was last heard from in Luxembourg where he says "it's very cold." Ken is fighting on the Italian front.

★ The three sons of Mr. and Mrs.

Charles Voros, 229 East 5th Street, are serving in the armed forces. *Pvt. Franklin C. Voros* is now stationed at Drew Field, Fla., with the AAF as a member of the Combat Intelligence Division. He is a graduate of Liberty Hi and attended Lehigh University prior to entering the service in December of 1943. He is the husband of the former Irene Cooper of Easton.

Charles, who was in the Infantry for 14 months and was then transferred to the Air Force, is now stationed in Charleston, S. C. He was commissioned a second lieutenant December 2, last, and is navigator on a B-24. He has been in the service since June, 1942.

Steven, *S 1/c*, RM, is aboard an aircraft carrier somewhere in the Atlantic. He has seen considerable action. Steve is a graduate of Tech Hi and enlisted after his graduation in 1943. He trained at Sampson, N. Y.

★ *Pvt. Donald Himmelwright* is in Texas with the Field Artillery and his brother, *Lester, Jr.*, *F 2/c*, is aboard a battleship in the Pacific. The boys are sons of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Himmelwright, 270 Cherokee Street. Don has been in uniform since July 24, 1944 and trained first at Ft. Sill, Okla. He's at Camp Hood now. Don managed a visit home at Christmas time and was among the many servicemen who were in St. Mark's Lutheran church during the holidays. He's a Liberty Hi graduate.

Lester has been in the service since May 16, 1943. He is a Fountain Hill H. S. grad. and had been employed in No. 6 shop, Bethlehem Steel. His wife is the former Dorothy Brown, 1118 Delaware Avenue. Lester was first stationed at Bainbridge, Md., then at Treasure Island, Calif.



Wallace Eisenhart

Kenneth Eisenhart

Erwin D. H. Sterner

John Sterner

Harold Eckert

Kenneth Eckert



Don Himmelwright Les. Himmelwright

Donald Neith

Harold Neith

Russell Lorrh

Arthur Lorrh

★ Clayton and Donald Canfield, Freemansburgers, met recently in England when Don visited his brother at the former's camp. Clayton was able to pay a return visit three days later, their meetings being arranged through the Red Cross. Don has been in service since April 30, 1943 and overseas since August of '44. Clayton was inducted December 19, 1943 and went overseas in September of '44. They are sons of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Canfield, 403 Monroe St. At Christmas time Don was still in England and was invited to an English home for Christmas and New Year's. Meanwhile, Clayton has moved through France and Belgium. He recently wrote from Holland to tell of the kindness of the Dutch family, who treated him like a son. He was greatly impressed by their happiness after the hardships and poverty they had endured. Clayton also has a good word for the Red Cross girls who serve coffee and doughnuts to the troops right up in the lines, almost under fire.

★ Brothers John H. Pulley, GSP (Navy) and Cpl. Robert P. Pulley, sons of Mr. Frank Pulley of 506 Lehigh Avenue, are widely separated by the fortunes of war. John, on leave from the Bethlehem police force, is in Hawaii and Bob is in Europe. The former has been in service since September of '42. He had his boot training at Norfolk, Va. and spent two months at Pensacola, Fla. at Gunners' school. He left for the Hawaiian Islands in January, 1943. Robert entered service in the same month and year that John went overseas and took his first training at Camp Tyson, Tenn. He was later at Camp Livingston, La. and Camp Swift, Texas.

★ Mr. and Mrs. Ervin F. Neith of 8th Avenue inform us that their son,

Pvt. Donald E. Neith, is stationed at Camp Blanding, and that Pfc. Harold F. Neith, his brother, is in France. Don is expected home in March for a furlough. Both boys are Tech Hi graduates. Harold is married to the former Helen Kresh of 7th Avenue. ★ Mrs. J. R. Tyson's two sons are pilots: Lt. Robert, who has recently gone overseas, pilots a B-26. Lt. Jack is in India flying over the Hump. Previously Jack saw considerable service in the Ferry Command. He writes as follows in comparing India and China: "India—summer climate—black and negroid population—jungle—jackals—tigers—snakes—elephants—water buffalo, etc. China—winter—Chinese population—rice paddies—pagodas—land completely under cultivation. In between lie the world's highest mountains and people unknown and land unexplored." ★ Two sons of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Crawford are now overseas. Lt. John Crawford is in the Philippines and Lt. William Crawford has recently gone to England.

★ Arthur Lorrh, S 1/c, recently enjoyed a furlough home to see his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Lorrh, Freemansburg. Art had just finished his boot training at Bainbridge, Md., to which place he reported back after his vacation. He and Russell are uncle and nephew.

★ Sons of Mr. and Mrs. John Hock of Bethlehem RD4 are Pfc. Edward Hock and Sgt. John Hock. Edward is finding life very interesting in the Philippines and we wonder if he was among the Yanks who marched into Manila. What a triumph for that outfit! Ed is with the Para-Glider Infantry. John, former tail gunner on a Flying Fortress, is a prisoner of war in Germany and, in a letter to his parents, asks for food, etc. He is full of praise for the fine work

of the Red Cross in looking after war prisoners.

★ Pvt. Russell Lorrh, son of the George Lorrh, Main Street, Freemansburg, is at Camp Mead, Va. He went into the service in June, 1944. Russell has four nephews in the Navy.

★ Cpl. Thomas Chovan, writing from Hawaii, says that he recently enjoyed a few days in Honolulu where he is recuperating from a nearly fatal mishap off Saipan. His amphibious landing craft was sunk by Jap shells during landing operations and one man lost. The rest of the crew floated about for an hour and a half and then was picked up by a Higgins boat. The men were treated for shock and exposure. Meanwhile, on the mother ship they were thought lost in action. The convoy, being endangered by the Japs, made tracks for Hawaii with wounded aboard. Members of Chovan's boat group reached Hawaii, too, but when they reported to their own outfit were told they were "missing." Of Saipan, Tom has written, "while there if you are not fighting Japs you are swatting bugs and mosquitoes." Mail has been received, he said, and he sent home a picture of himself and his buddies with a Jap flag they captured.

Pfc. Peter Chovan has been moved from New Guinea to the Netherlands East Indies. There the bugs and mosquitoes are just as bad as Tom found them on Saipan. The natives are friendly and anxious to help, but they are not allowed in camp for reasons of health. The weather is hot and there is much rain, but the nights are cool and pleasant. For the first time in a year, he wrote recently, they received fresh meats and beer. The shows are up-to-date and of the best, and best of the best are USO shows that come their way.



Robert Pulley

John Pulley

Edward Hock

Frank Hock

William Musselman

Walter Musselman

THE ARMY IN THE AIR

Berlin, Cologne, Hamburg, Duisburg, Manila



★ Read down, left to right: First row, Albert Hayes, Meredith Wirth, Robert G. Flammer, Robert McCoach, William Musselman; center row, Robert Beers, Richard Kauffman, Donald McCord; last row, Glenn Appleman, Stephen Kuesan, Charles Masteller, Gordon Habriel.

★ Chalk up 85 missions and 35 sorties to the score of Lt. Charles Masteller, son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Masteller and a cousin of the three Masteller brothers in the Navy. Lt. Masteller is in Italy and has been there since June 21 of last year. He completed his missions in December.

★ Albert Hayes is in England where he was recently promoted to Private First Class. He has trained in both Infantry and Air Corps.

★ Robert McCoach, Air Cadet, son of Mrs. Robert McCoach, Sr., 1401 Lorain Avenue, is now at Enid, Okla. He entered the service in February, 1944 and trained first at Miami Beach, Fla.

★ January 5 was the 21st birthday of Pfc. Robert Zettlemyer, now in his second year with the Fifth Army in Italy. From Italy Bob sends word he has had enough mud and rain to last a lifetime!

★ India is the present station of Lt. Richard F. Kauffman, a veteran of four years service. This soldier, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Kauffman, 1006 Raymond Avenue, entered the service April 9, 1941, and was trained at Ft. Belvoir, Va. In January of '42 he went to Iceland and service there until March, 1943. While there he asked for transfer to the Air Forces. After training at fields in Alabama and South Carolina, he was graduated at Freeman Field, Indiana, and commissioned in April of 1944. He went to India in May.

★ Cpl. Carroll Glen Appleman, who hangs his hat at 933 Pennsylvania Avenue when he's at home, now wears the Air Medal for completing a difficult mission as a radio-gunner on a B-24 bomber over Europe. Appleman volunteered for Air Force service in August, 1942 and was called up in March, 1943. He trained at Nashville, Tenn., Greensboro, N. C., Sioux Falls, S. D., Yuma, Ariz., Columbia, S. C. and Hunter Field, Ga., from which station he was sent across.

★ M/Sgt. Donald McCance is now attached to the ATC at San Francisco, Calif. He's the son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward McCance and has been in service since July 25, 1941. He is a member of the class of '36 of Liberty Hi, has been active in Christian Endeavor work in the county and is a former employee of the First National Bank.

★ Having completed his 50 missions in the Mediterranean area, S/Sgt. William Musselman, radioman-gunner, is now at Richmond, Va., awaiting assignment. He entered the AAF February 17, 1943, and trained at Miami Beach, Fla., at Scott Field, Ill., Tyndall Field, Fla., and at Salt Lake City, Utah. He was overseas since early in June and completed his missions in October. He graduated at Liberty Hi in '41 and attended Duke University. He is the son of Stanley Musselman, formerly of Hotel Avenue.

★ Pvt. William Welty, 18-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Welty, entered the AAF last July. After training in Texas and Wisconsin he was sent to Greensboro, N. C., where he now is.

★ According to *Pfc. Meredith Wirth* the people of Holland and Belgium are very hospitable. Meredith is attached to the Air Forces radar unit and has been in service two years or more. He has been overseas in England, France, Belgium and Holland and is in the latter country now living in a private home.

★ *Pvt. Gordon E. Habriel*, an Allentown lad, member of Ebenezer Mennonite Church, is a glider mechanic at Laurenburg-Maxton Field, Maxton, Texas, where he assists in keeping the training gliders flying. Habriel was inducted October 6, 1943, and trained at Sheppard Field, Texas, and Pope Field, N. C.

★ *Sgt. Robert G. Flammer*, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gottfried Flammer, 792 Washington Avenue, is a ball-turret gunner on a B-24 and has been overseas in Italy since October, 1944. His group was awarded a Presidential Citation for extraordinary devotion to duty. Another is pending. Bob holds the Air Medal. He and his wife, Esther, recently marked their first wedding anniversary. He belongs to West Side Moravian Church.

★ Word of *S/Sgt. Robert H. Diehl* tells us that he is a ball-turret gunner on a B-24 Liberator called the Curly Bird, one of the Bat-out-of-Hell Squadron of the —th Air Force. He is stationed in the Marianas and has 32 missions over enemy territory to his credit (by this time the number has probably increased). He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Diehl of 1426 High Street. Bob holds the Good Conduct medal, the American Theatre ribbon, Asiatic-Pacific Theatre ribbon with two stars, the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal with two Oak Leaf clusters. He has been in service since April 2, 1943, and left the country in May of last year.

★ *Robert K. Hartzell*, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Hartzell, 1116 Stanley Avenue, was recently promoted to corporal. Bob is an armorer with a B-24 group in the European theatre. He had worked for Bethlehem Steel as a clerk prior to going into the Air Forces. He recently received the Good Conduct medal for exemplary behaviour, efficiency and fidelity. Not long ago he sustained a fracture of the left hand, but that is now mended.

★ *Pvt. Ernst W. Reinhold* has completed training at radio school in Sioux Falls, S. D., and has been transferred to Yuma, Ariz., for further work along the same lines. He was an active member of St. Mark's Luther League before entering the service.

★ *Lt. Fred Hageter, Jr.*, recently returned to the United States after performing 35 missions in the European

theatre. He is married to the former Beatrice Bonser, 1408 Center Street.

★ After service in Africa for eight months, during which he was wounded, *Corp. Stephen Kucsan* is now reported hospitalized in New Guinea with an injured leg. Kucsan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Kucsan, Sr., 108 East Raspberry Street, has been in the service since September 9, 1941. He came back to the States from his African campaign and was in Valley Forge Hospital for three months, after which he was home for a while, then was sent to Atlantic City for a rest. Then . . . to New Guinea.

★ *Pvt. Granville Schupp, Jr.*, is at Keesler Field, Miss., having completed basic and advanced training, and is now studying aerial mechanics. He was inducted in November, 1943, but was on inactive status until November 2, 1944.

★ *Pvt. Edward Bauder* has asked Stars to say "Thank you" to all his friends for the nice Christmas cards he received at Kingman, Ariz., gunnery school, and sends his own greetings in return. He has been confined to the field hospital at Kingman, and cards and letters mean a lot at such a time.

★ *Pvt. Donald Frey* is stationed in England with a ground crew. He has fully recovered from injuries sustained in a football game which hospitalized him for several weeks and is back to "sweating it out" until the planes come back.

★ *Burton N. Coffman* is now a second lieutenant in the Air Force, to which rank he was advanced last November 20 at Tyndall Field, Fla. Both his brothers attended the ceremony, one pinning on his officer's bars, the other giving him his first salute as an officer. Burt enlisted July 20, 1943 and trained at Greensboro, N. C., Rochester, N. Y., Maxwell Field, Ala., Albany, Ga., Greenwood, Miss., and Stuttgart, Ark. Brother Raymond is an Air Cadet at Greensboro and Brother William J. is at Orlando, Fla.

★ Defeat at the hands of a bold band of brave "Lime Juicers" ("Limeys") was the lot of a soccer team formed by *Pfc. Richard Mowrey*, *Pfc. Wil-*

liam Vogel, *Cpl. Robert Yob* and *Pfc. Fred Lash*, all members of a Glider Infantry unit and former students of Hellertown High School. The quartet should be complimented in spite of defeat because they were good sports enough to make the try against the Englishmen, to most of whom soccer is second nature, just as football (not rugby) is theirs. We like the spirit of good sportmanship and American pluck displayed by our Hellertown soldiers. Nice going!

★ *S/Sgt. William G. Seacrest*, now in Southern France, writes that the people are very hospitable and that the farming sections he has seen compare favorably with ours in the U. S. He is with a night fighter squadron. Bill, member of the South Side Presbyterian congregation, is married to Vera Staley of Oviedo, Fla.

★ In service since January, 1943, *2nd Lt. Gordon Moyer*, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eden F. Moyer of 610 South Hoffer Street, has been undergoing combat team training as a member of a flight crew at Pueblo Army Air Base, Pueblo, Colo. He is navigator on a Liberator bomber. Gordon is a member of St. Mark's and was active in Luther League work.

★ Another Bethlehem soldier who has finished radio training at Sioux Falls and been transferred to Yuma is *Pvt. Phillip A. Sabatino*. He and Reinhold share quarters at Yuma, the former in the upper, the latter in the lower bunk in barracks.



Granville Schupp, Jr.



William Seacrest



William Welty

THE ARMY ON FOREIGN SOIL

Over The Rhine To Victory!



★ *Thomas F. George* is presently in France. A graduate of Liberty Hi in 1941, he married Ruth Lynn April 3, 1943. He has been in service since June 15, 1944, and trained for 17 weeks at Camp Wheeler, Ga. After he finished his basic he came home for ten days and then was shipped across as a private of Infantry.

★ *Cpl. Sherwood C. Rash* is attached to a transport company with the Third Army in France. He was inducted November 27, 1942, and was stationed at Camp Pendleton, Va., for 15 months. He was stationed in England for four months and went into France last August. Of England, he writes: "The English countryside is beautiful in the spring, but if you don't watch closely for summer, you'll miss it completely." As for France, he says, "Parts of it are beautiful but it does not compare with the good old U. S. A., particularly Pennsylvania!" (That's a loyal state rooter for you.) Sherwood is the son of the Victor Rashes of 141 South New Street, Nazareth and the husband of Joyce S. Carl, a member of Olivet E-C Church.

★ *Pfc. William B. Stecker*, who is assigned to a medical hospital ship platoon (separate), recently returned from England where he worked in the Pharmacy Department at a Station Hospital somewhere in England. He visited many places of interest, such as No. 10 Downing Street, Houses of Parliament, Buckingham Palace, Westminster Abbey, etc. Before Pfc. Stecker returned to his port of embarkation, he spent a few days with his wife, the former Charlotte Worman, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William A. Stecker. This was his first visit to Bethlehem since his induction into the Army March 25, 1944, when he left for his basic training at Camp Barkeley, Texas.

★ Last word from *Pvt. Mitchell W. Connor* placed him with the Combat Engineers in England. It may be that now he is in Europe. Mitchell is the son of Mrs. Sue M. Connor, 1134 West Union Blvd. He entered the service January 16, 1942 and was sent to the University of Minnesota for three months, and after that to Grinnell College in Iowa and Colorado College, Colo., to study meteorology. After some time at Camp Campbell, Ky. and Camp Shelby, Miss., he was sent across in October of '44.



★ Read down, left to right: First row, William B. Stecker, Charles Fritchman, Joseph Rayan, Edwin B. Yeisley; center row, William Newhard, Albert Palik, Frederick Young, Thomas George; last row, Robert E. Muschlitz, Sherwood E. Rash, Richard M. Bowes, Richard Makos.

★ With the Infantry in Italy is *Pvt. Curtis E. Riesing*, husband of Elizabeth Gillespie of Summit Lawn. Curt was inducted February 10, 1944, so has been in the service just a little over a year. He trained at Ft. McClellan, Ala. He is a former employee of the Bethlehem School District and of the Allentown Dairy Co., Inc. So far he has not met his nephew, *M/Sgt. Henry O. Albright*, also stationed in Italy, but perhaps they'll have a reunion before the scrap is done.

★ Of *Douglass S. Stauffer* we learn he is overseas with the bloomin' infantry. Doug, son of Mr. and Mrs. Titus L. Stauffer, 1704 West Union Boulevard, went into the Army June 15, 1944 from his employment at the Steel plant. He graduated at Liberty Hi in 1939. His basic training was taken at Camp Wheeler, Ga. He's engaged to Genevieve Stehly, 2507 Linden Street.

★ "Somewhere in France" is the present whereabouts of *Charles Fritchman*, attached to an Infantry unit. Charles has been overseas since last August. He was inducted December 5, 1942. Basic training at Camp Phillips, Kansas, and advanced training at Camp McCain, Miss., where he was advanced to private first class. He holds the Good Conduct medal and the Expert Infantry badge. Fritchman is married to the former Jeanette Baus, of Allentown.

★ *S/Sgt. Dick Makos*, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Makos, 148 Monroe Street, Freemansburg, is with the Infantry in Europe.

★ *Lt. Joseph Ryan* of 422 Cherokee Street, who entered the Army May 1, 1943, is now in Australia with the Corps of Engineers. At present he is in Brisbane. He was married in June of 1943 to Eleanor Chovan.

★ Another Bethlehem R. D. 4 lad to be serving his country with the invasion forces in France and Germany is *Pfc. Albert Palik*, who has just completed two years in the Army. Palik, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Holitz, R. D. 4, is in the Infantry. He received his basic training at Camp Forrest, Tenn., and went from there to Camp Phillips, Kansas, Camp Laguma, Ariz., and Ft. Dix, N. J. He's married to Evelyn, nee Weirbach.



★ Read across, top row, left to right, *Curtis Riesing, Elwood Grube, John Chuss*; lower row, same order, *William Weand, Douglas Stauffer, Douglas McKelvie*.

★ *Pvt. Harvey J. Solt* is in France. He has been in service since February 17, 1944. After five months at Camp Wheeler he was sent to Camp Meade, Md. and from there, in July, to England. He is married and his wife, Evelyn, lives at 241 West Fairview St.

★ England, Scotland, Wales and France, and now probably Germany is the itinerary of *Pfc. Edwin B. Yeisley*, who was inducted into the Army November 19, 1943. He was trained at Ft. Bragg, N. C., and at Camp Forrest, Tenn. He went overseas in July. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Yeisley of North New Street.

★ *Pfc. Mahlon Ernst*, serving in the Medical Corps for the past two years, was recently transferred to the Infantry and is now at Camp Livings-

ton, La. His brother, *Linford*, is in England.

★ In a little more than two years of service *Pfc. Maurice E. Cavey*, Infantryman, has really done some fighting, and in company with some of the most famous fighting men in the world. Maurice, now in Burma, has been overseas since April of '44, and in the India-Burma theatre during that time. He sustained serious wounds on July 27, for which he received the Purple Heart, as revealed in an announcement from the headquarters of Lt. Gen. Dan. I. Sultan, his commanding general. Recovered, he fought with Frank Merrill's Marauders in the successful battle for Myitkyina, prize of the North Burma campaign. Maurice wears the Presidential Citation awarded to that outfit for "their exploits behind Japanese lines;" the combat infantryman badge for "exemplary conduct in battle;" and the Bronze campaign star on his Asiatic-Pacific theatre ribbon. Proud parents of this soldier of Uncle Sam are Mr. and Mrs. George E. Cavey of 1121 Orchard Street, who saw him off to his first Army experience February 25, 1943 as he left for basic training at Camp Swift, Texas.

★ *Cpl. H. H. Kurtz, U.S.M.C.*, is in the Pacific war theatre.



Mitchell W. Connor



John Crooks



Clayton Canfield



D. Nelson



Bela Pecek



Willis Leith



Warren Grim



Ray Minnich



Walter Bernhardt

★ Friends back home in Leithsville and vicinity are looking forward to the return of *Sgt. Willis Leith*, who has been overseas for 26 months. This soldier has seen combat in Africa, Sicily and Italy and has seen much of the "seamy side" of war and life in his experiences abroad.

★ *Cpl. Ray J. Minnich*, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Minnich of Linden Street, is somewhere near Paris, according to most recent word. Ray has been overseas for fifteen months or more. He entered the service in April of '43 and went across in October of the same year. After several months in England he went into France. Since landing on foreign shores Ray, unlike many boys from Bethlehem, has run across many fellows from the old town along the Lehigh, including *Ken Grube, Gordon Achey, Charles Minninger, Harry Seiger, Bob Rice, Bill Hartzel* and others whose names he has not mentioned. Ray is an inveterate souvenir collector and has sent home many mementoes of his travels abroad, — perfumes, silk handkerchiefs, pictures, wooden shoes, French cosmetics, and ash tray from England and other articles. His friends in Edgeboro Moravian Church like to hear from him—and is it any wonder?

★ *Robert P. Jones* is a private in the Signal Corps Medics and is somewhere in the Philippines. He had been in New Guinea. He was extensively trained in his work at Camp Barkley, Texas, and at Fitzsimmons General Hospital, Denver, Colo. While he was in Denver his wife stayed with him. After Fitzsimmons, Bob went back to Barkley for assignment and was sent to Ft. Sam Houston. San Francisco was the next stop, and then overseas.

★ A Cook's Tour of liberated Europe appears to be the record of *Cpl. Walter A. Bernhardt*, for he has seen Normandy, other parts of France, Belgium, Luxembourg and is now in Germany with an artillery division. Walt is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Theo. J. Bernhardt, 1102 First Avenue, Hellertown, and has been in the Army since October 21, 1942. His early training was received at Camp Atterbury, Ind. and Camp Breckenridge, Ky.

★ This item is about *Pfc. David C. Apple*, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Nagle of Hellertown. Dave has been stationed in England since October, 1942. He has been in the service since May 14, 1941, and is a "graduate" of Ft. Meade, Md. He had his baptism of fire in the invasion of France. Before entering the Army Dave worked at Weyhill Farms, Bethlehem R. D. 4, and attended the Hellertown schools.

★ *S/Sgt. James A. Rice*, whose parents are Mr. and Mrs. Allen G. Rice of 510 Twelfth Avenue, is engaged in rehabilitation work at the General Hospital in New Caledonia. Rice entered the service January 27, 1943 and was sent to Camp Grant, Ill., for his basic training. Afterwards he was sent to Camp Meade, Md. and in September, 1943, went out to his present post.

★ A bit of good advice from his former pupils in the Hellertown school goes out to *Bill Dornblazer*, private in the Army now sloshing about in South Pacific mud and muck. It seems Bill used to admonish his scholars to obey the rules of health—keep feet dry, wear rubbers, get lots of fresh air, etc. Now, the pupils turn tables and suggests he try to keep his feet dry! Wear rubbers! Get lots of fresh air!

★ Most recent word of *Pvt. William J. Zingley, Jr.*, was that he was recovering from wounds in an Army hospital in England. Bill was injured in action during late November while serving with the Infantry under Gen. George Simpson in Germany. Bill is a veteran of much action. His unit helped capture Brest, in France, and he afterwards fought in Belgium, Holland and Germany and received the Purple Heart for wounds.

From England Bill writes that England is all right but just a bit foggy. He says he misses his second helping at chow and praises the Red Cross and U.S.O. for the work they are doing. He is a graduate of Liberty Hi, class of 1940, and of Bethlehem Business College, class of '41. He had been employed by the payroll division at Bethlehem Steel before entering the service.

Son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Zingley of Freemansburg, Bill is a member of Trinity E & R Church and was secretary and treasurer of the church and secretary of the point Consistories. He was also secretary of the Sunday School and a member of the Youth Fellowship.

★ Latest information placed *Pvt. Richard J. Stuber* in Netherlands East Indies. He wrote he had participated in invasion activities. Dick is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Stuber, 254 10th Avenue and entered the service December 5, 1942 as an amphibious engineer. He trained at Camp Lee, Ft. Devons, Camp Edwards and Camp Gordon Johnston. He shipped out from 'Frisco to New Guinea in April 1944. He is a graduate of BHS, class of '42, and worked for Bethlehem Steel.

★ *Pvt. Robert Standing* is stationed in Corsica. His letters indicate he has toured Rome and has had an audience with the Pope.



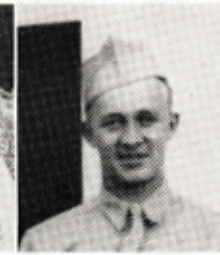
Mervyn Coxey



LeRoy Reynolds



James A. Rice



Robert Jones



Richard Stuber



William Heffelfinger

★ Friends of *Cpl. Frank Yanza* in the Billing Department at Bethlehem Steel send "Hello" to him at his post in England. Frank, son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Yanza, 214 East 5th Street, was inducted June 13, 1943, and for one and one-half years was stationed at Camp McCoy, Wisc., and there participated in winter maneuvers.

★ "The job we are doing will make future Christmases 'Happy' and safe," wrote *Cpl. J. D. Yoder* to his family on Christmas Eve "somewhere in Germany." Cpl. Yoder has been overseas two years with a tank destroyer battalion and has seen action in France and Belgium and would like very much to have been home with his wife, the former Marie Welty, and little daughter, Joan-Ella, 2½, for Christmas.

★ *Pvt. James Bartholomew*, who entered the Army on January 28, 1942, is presently in Belgium with the Anti-Aircraft. He's been across for 15 months or more. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George Derr and a member of Christ E & R Church.

★ Cassino, Italy, proved a cold place to *Harry E. Coursen, Jr.*, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry E. Coursen, Sr., 732 Dellwood Street, for it was there that he had both feet frozen, a mischance that landed him in a hospital for a year. He was placed in Class B and is now working in an Army hospital in Italy. Harry entered the service on March 31, 1943 and went overseas in September of the same year. He is a member of the First Baptist Church.

★ Only word Stars has of *T/Sgt. Thomas R. Meredith* is that he is in Belgium. Meredith is the husband of Marie Louise Yearich of 508 Fifth Avenue. He has been in the Army since June 11, 1942. After basic training at Camp Pickett, Va. he was sent to Camp Blanding, Fla. and then to University of Chicago for Study in "Personnel Classification." He went overseas early in 1944.

★ Although it is reported that *Pvt. Elwood Grube, Sr.*, is overseas, nothing definite about his whereabouts is given, so we don't know if it is Pacific or European area. He has been in service since July 27 and had basic training at Ft. McClellan, Ala. After 17 weeks of that he came home for ten days, reported at Camp Meade and then, presto, overseas! He's the son of the Harvey Grubes of Freemansburg, and the husband of the former Dorothy Seibel of Easton. He is daddy to a son who is Elwood, Jr. He belongs to the First Nazarene Church.



★ Read down, left to right: First row, Andrew Wida, Eugene H. Kessler, Harry E. Coursen, David C. Apple; center row, Russell Ziegenfuss, Harvey J. Solt, J. D. Yoder, Thomas R. Meredith, Albert H. Minnich; last row, William Zingley, Frank Yanza, M. L. Smith, James Bartholomew.

★ An outstanding example of swift advancement in the United States armed forces is that of *Major Marvin L. Smith*, a member of St. Peter's Lutheran Church now in Europe with the Sanitary Engineers. Major Smith entered the Army 4 years ago December 23 as a private. He received his basic training at Ft.

Meade, Md. and afterwards was stationed at a number of posts in the U. S. before going across. He is a graduate of Moravian College, class of '34, and received his Master's Degree from Ohio University in 1943. He was married more than a year ago. A brother, Harold, served in the Navy in World War I.

★ *Pvt. Dale Groman*, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Groman, was reported wounded on November 9, 1944. After hospital treatment he returned to his unit early in December. His mother received the Purple Heart on January 2, 1945, but was not advised of the nature of Dale's injuries. Private Groman entered the Service January 18, 1944; took his basic training at Camp Blanding, Fla.; was sent overseas on July 1 and has seen service in Italy and France.

★ Of *Albert W. Minnich*, now serving across the waters, we learn that he has been advanced to sergeant, to the great pride of his wife, Mildred, at home at 1413 Center Street. Sgt. Minnich passed through Camp Blanding, Fla., and was assigned to Engineer's Light Equipment Company at Camp Breckenridge, Ky., and at Aberdeen, Md. Later he was stationed at Ft. Jackson, S. C. Prior to induction March 25, 1944, he was employed by Bethlehem Steel. He's a son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Minnich, Center Street, and member of Zion E & R Church.

★ Fine work as a hospital ship medical man is winning praise for *Cpl. John Hudak*, who works out of Halloran General Hospital, Staten Island, on ships bringing the wounded back from European areas. At Thanksgiving time he had made five such trips and was given leave to spend the holiday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Hudak, 52 East Union Street.

★ Recent word of *Joseph Stranner*, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Stranner of Hellertown R. D. 1, places him with the Third Army in France. He holds corporal's rating. Joe entered service October 9, 1943 and trained first at Ft. Belvoir, Va. and then at Camp Reynolds. He went overseas from Reynolds and is now with an Engineer outfit.

★ February 7 was the 22nd birthday of *Cpl. Douglas McKelvie* of the Anti-Aircraft Artillery, now overseas. This is the second birthday he has passed on the other side. Doug has been in the Army since May 9, 1942. His basic training was spent at Ft. Bliss, Texas. He went to Arizona and then to St. Bernadine, California, and to the Mojave desert. Then he was sent to Boston, Mass., and there embarked for Africa and Italy. In all, he was in the States just six months after enlisting. He visited the island of Corsica and now is in Southern France.

★ *John Barrett* was promoted to the rank of Sergeant in October. His parents report that after service in France he is now somewhere in Germany.

★ Just before VonRundstadt and his lads scored their brief successes in the Ardennes district, *Pvt. Robert A. Freudig* wrote home to his teacher in College Hill Moravian Sunday School that "nothing much was doing" and he had "nothing much to write about." That was just about a week before the "big blow." Things took a turn for more activity shortly thereafter. He sent the same teacher a fine Christmas card, bought in Paris, on which there are colored pictures of famous buildings in Gay Paree. Bob is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Augustus Freudig of Ettwein Street.

★ *Pfc. Eugene H. Kessler* is doing his bit with General Patton's lads in Germany. He has been overseas since last September and saw considerable action in France before reaching Nazi-land. 'Gene is the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Kessler, 105 Washington Avenue, and the husband of Adelaide Strohl of 650 Ontario Street. He's a member of College Hill Moravian Church.

★ Latest word on the whereabouts of *Pvt. Lester C. Knapp* tells of his being in Italy with the Paratroops. Lester, son of William and the late Susanna Knapp of 130½ Graham Court, went into the service June 30, 1942 and trained at Ft. Belvoir and at Camp Shenango. Afterwards he went to Africa and completed his training in Sardinia and Corsica.

★ *Cpl. Darwin D. Nelson* is stationed in Holland. He's been overseas more than two years and has seen action since D-Day, having been with his Infantry division through St. Lo, Vire and Brest and all through the Normandy campaign. Nelson is a mail clerk for the Special Troops Bn. of Headquarters.

★ *Bill Weand*, son of Mrs. Charles Weand of 423 Heckwelder Place, is in the Pacific area with the Army. He's been in service since August, 1943 and is a "graduate" of Bethlehem Steel.

★ Friends of *Pvt. John A. Chuss*, Bath R. D. 2, have informed us that John is with the Medical men in the Pacific area. When this war is over and the score is reckoned, the medics like John and his buddies will be the boys who helped keep the figures on our side low. More power to 'em!

★ *Pvt. John Danish*, "somewhere in England", isn't giving away any military secret when he wrote during the fall that it rains practically all the time there. He celebrated a birthday on November 22 with a package from home.

★ *Pvt. Russell C. Ziegenfuss* of 1313 Iron Street has been overseas with the Infantry since December 8, 1944. He was inducted June 15 and took his basic training at Camp Wheeler, Ga. He formerly was employed by the Laros Silk Company.

★ Latest from *Corp. Bela Pecsek* tells Stars readers that he is in a hospital in Hawaii recovering from wounds received in the invasion of Saipan. He has been in service since 1943. Of Hawaii he writes that the days are beautiful and hot, and that certain sections of the country are really something to see. He says he and the other fellows are grateful to the folks at home for their packages, and sends "Hello" to everyone back here. Bela has received the Purple Heart. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Adam Pecsek of 415 Buchanan Street.



★ Here we have *Sgt. Rodney J. Marshall* "Somewhere in Belgium" with three French friends, brothers. Their names are Jose, Albert and Pierrot Henry. That's all we know. Sorry.



★ **Pvt. Salvatore** (right) and **Cpl. Daniel** (left), sons of Mr. and Mrs. Antonio Rotondo, 810 Wyandotte Street. Dan entered the service in December, 1942, and Salvatore in May, 1943. Both boys are now in Belgium.

★ The father of **Pvt. Harry Herbst** recently received a letter from **Lt. Wayne A. Graybill**, a friend of Harry, who told how Herbst performed his risky job as runner under fire. The officer said Harry braved shell and shrapnel with great courage and stuck to his job until his right arm was lacerated by shrapnel. Harry was sent to England and is doing well in a hospital there. Lt. Graybill had a good word to speak for Harry's fine disposition and his popularity with his buddies.

★ Friends of **Sgt. Warren M. Grim** will be interested to learn that he is serving with Patton's men in Belgium. Warren, son of Mrs. Warren Grim, Sr., 927 Itaska Street, trained at Ft. Bragg, N. C., and Camp Maxey, Texas. He's a member of First E & R Church.

★ **Pfc. Charles E. Youngblood** has now been overseas six or eight weeks. He was in England for Thanksgiving. Met John Barrett in France December 5. His wife (native of Virginia) whom he met in Nashville, died suddenly December 11, leaving a four weeks' old baby daughter.

★ **Rev. Dr. and Mrs. C. A. Butz** have been informed that their son, **Charles** is now serving with the "Tankers" in Germany. Speculation among friends at home is that the Jerries cut and run when they get a gander of Charley coming clanking along in his iron wagon. Seems like the German Army ought soon to run out of shoe leather!

★ A letter from **Sgt. Lloyd Lewis** writes from London that he has received the candy sent from his home church, St. John Slovak Lutheran. Lloyd says he is now accustomed to

the "smog" (fog and smoke) in the English city.

★ **T/Sgt. William G. Musselman**, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Musselman of 1680 Broadway, a former student at Moravian College and Lehigh University, is overseas with an Ordnance excavation company. He has been in the Army since 1941 and has in back of him training in the cavalry, infantry and ordnance. He went to England in February of '44 and has been on the continent since midsummer. His wife is the former **Marvel Bishop**, R.N., of Casselton, N. D.

★ **Pvt. LeRoy Reynolds**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Reynolds, 1210 Maple Street, is with the famous World War II edition of the Rainbow Division. World War I Rainbow gained fame under **Douglas MacArthur**. LeRoy is a "graduate" of Camp Gruber, Okla. His wife, **Ruth**, and two children, **Lois** and **Jean**, are living at 1212 Maple Street.

★ **Pfc. John R. Crooks**, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Crooks of 218 Georgia Avenue, has been in Germany since December 9 and has been reported injured. He arrived in England in October from Ft. Jackson, S. C., where he earned his Expert Infantry badge. John entered the Army by way of the ASTP in September, 1943, and spent three months at the University of Florida, Gainesville, Fla. He got his Infantry training at Ft. Benning, Ga. and at Ft. Jackson.

★ News has been received that **Pfc. Robert Kramer**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kramer, Sr., Orchard Street, has arrived safely in India. His friends wish him good fortune.

★ **Private "Jack" K. Laverty**, husband of the former **Mildred E. Williams**, completed his basic training on December 6 and is now on his way overseas. His 13-day furlough before going overseas was spent with his wife and three-year-old son **Jeffrey**, visiting his parents at Wyncote, Pa., and with the Williams family here.

★ "Somewhere in the South Pacific" . . . that's the whereabouts of **Sgt. Bill Newhard**, veteran of Army service since May, 1941. He had his basic at Aberdeen, Md., and was sent thence to Laury Field, Colo. He was there a year and then was sent to Gunnery school at Lansing, Mich. After that it was "back to Laury" and he was there 'till September, 1944, and then shipped out.

★ **Master Sgt. Matthew Wotherspoon** in a letter written December 25, informed his father he was wounded (second time) in November and is hospitalized in Belgium.



★ Take a look at **Pfc. Arlington Shearer** and two Philippine women. No, they're not "little girls" or even older children, but full grown women. One is the mother of a small child. Beside Shearer they look even more tiny. Arlington wrote interestingly from the Philippines early in December. He had received a copy of Stars, he said. He also said they had made several moves. "From away back down in New Guinea we had these islands as our goal, and here we are in Tojo's back yard." In the light of news coming over the wires now, there have been several more "moves" for Arlington. Best of luck!

★ We are told that **Pfc. William Heffelfinger** is "somewhere in France." That's all. Maybe some of you Bethlehemites "over there" have seen Bill. He's the son of Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Heffelfinger, Bethlehem R. D. 2.

★ **S/Sgt. Robert Sheldrake**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Sheldrake, has been moved overseas. At this time his destination is not known.

★ **Corporal Richard H. Foster**, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Foster, was last heard from in a letter written late in November from France.

★ **Sgt. Harry W. Compton**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Compton, was wounded in action in France on September 30 and received the Purple Heart. After being hospitalized for two months, he rejoined his outfit in Germany in December.

★ **Lt. (j.g.) Charles R. Stecker** recently completed a furlough spent with his wife and baby.



THE ARMY ON THE HOME LOAM

It's Melting Fast



★ Learning to be a dental technician is *Pvt. Francis H. Brown*, at present stationed at Lawson General Hospital, Atlanta, Ga. Brown has been in the Army since June 1, 1944 and was trained first at Camp Blanding, Fla. He's a member of Grace E & R church.

★ *Roscoe W. Cressman* of Bethlehem R. D. 4 has sewn on his sergeant's chevrons at Fort Jackson, S. C., where he has recently been stationed. Cressman is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Warren H. Cressman. He got his basic at Camp Croft, S. C. and was subsequently at Ft. Dix, N.Y., Eatontown, N. J. and Camp Pickett, Va. He and his wife, the former Ruth McCandless of Hellertown, are the parents of a daughter, Phyllis Louise.

★ *Capt. Douglas Edwards*, who is stationed at Richmond, Va., managed a visit with his parents during the Christmas holidays enroute to Richmond from Chicago, where he had been the guest of Major and Mrs. Bacelash. He was in New York for New Year's Day.

★ *Jack N. Moyer*, son of Mr. and Mrs. Claude B. Moyer, 527 Arch Street, and graduate of Tech. Hi, is a private in the infantry at Camp Blanding, Fla.

★ *Pfc. William H. Best* recently enjoyed a three-day pass with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. M. Best of Butztown.

★ Members of the Nativity Y.P.F. were quite surprised recently when *Pvt. Joe Orbin*, an erstwhile member, appeared just in time for supper in the parish house. He is stationed at George Field, Lawrenceville, Ill. Joe used to sing in the Nativity choir.

★ Still in this country is *James B. Wotherspoon*, 19-year-old foster son of Mr. and Mrs. Mathew Kramm, with whom he has lived since the age of 10. Jim, an ardent sportsman and very popular with his friends, worked for Bethlehem Baking Company before he was inducted.

★ Christmas for *Pfc. Oliver P. Minnich* and his wife, Betty, was particularly happy this year for Minnich was enabled to spend a 19-day furlough at home with his little daughter, Sandra, who had never had a Christmas before. He has been in service two years and is stationed at Thomasville, Ga. as a surgical technician. Home is at 74 West North Street. Oliver and his brother, *Sgt. Albert Minnich*, now overseas, are sons of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Minnich, 1413 North Center Street.

★ *Lt. Harry Hydusik*, injured during maneuvers in Georgia, is recovering and has been fitted for an artificial limb at Atlanta, Ga. He expects to be home in a few months.

★ *Sgt. Julius Ozdinec* is at Camp Livingston, La., learning to be an infantryman after three years with the artillery.

★ *Pvt. Ralph W. Woodring, Jr.*, is presently completing his basic training at Camp Blanding, Fla. He was inducted last September 15. Ralph graduated in June from Liberty Hi, where he had been a member of the band and orchestra for three years, and president of his home room. He was president and drum major of the band during his senior year and a member of the Municipal band for two years. His folks live at 1201 North New Street.

★ *Pvt. Robert P. Fisher*, Signal Corps, has been transferred from Ft. Monmouth, N. J. to Camp Crowder, Mo. He's an F. H. H. S. grad.

★ After 35 months in service in the South Pacific, *Cpl. John Steidinger*, Bethlehem R. D. 1, came home for a 21-day furlough. He arrived home January 25 in the midst of a heavy snowstorm, quite in contrast to the tropics he left on December 8. Cpl. Steidinger had seen action throughout the Pacific area and his last location was the island of Leyte.

While in the Pacific, Steidinger earned four citations and five campaign stars, together with his Good Conduct medal and an Oak Leaf cluster. In New Guinea he was awarded a medal as softball champion. He entered the Army in May, 1940 and received his basic training at Aberdeen, Md. He was later sent to Bangor, Me. Upon completion of his furlough he will report to Miami Beach, Fla.

★ *Kenneth L. Pittinger* is a Paratrooper trainee at Ft. Benning, Ga. Ken, who lived with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John Bees, 249 East Ettwein Street, before he entered the service last July 24, received his basic training at Ft. Sill, Okla. He was transferred to the sky-soldiers after its completion.



★ Read across, top row, left to right, *Jack Moyer, Albert Carl, Eugene Kunsman*; lower row, same order, *James Wotherspoon, Edgar Thomas, John Anderson*.

★ **Lt. Paul H. Bishop, Jr.** Medical Corps, was a member of the December 30, 1944 graduating class at Carlisle Barracks, Pa. and is now qualified for field duty with the troops. He received his M.D. from the University of Pennsylvania. Since graduation at Carlisle he has been assigned to Halloran General Hospital doing transport work. He is the husband of Mary Ruth Bishop, teacher of art at Cedar Crest College, Allentown, and the son of Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Bishop of 1114 North New Street. He's a member of College Hill Moravian Church.

★ Another son of College Hill Moravian congregation who is making good is **Pvt. Eugene Kunsman**, son of Mrs. Mary Kunsman, West Franklin Street. Eugene is attached to a clearing company at Ft. Jackson, S.C. receiving further training in his skill as a dental technician. 'Gene started out in April, 1944 with the Medical Corps. After his basic training, he was assigned to O'Reilly General Hospital, Springfield, Mo. and there graduated as a dental technician in August. He enjoyed a short furlough home in September before going on to his new work.

★ **Pvt. John E. Anderson**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Anderson, is in the Signal Corps and is stationed at Ft. Monmouth, N. J. He's been in the Army since last April and was first assigned to Camp Pickett, Va. He was sent to Monmouth on July 29. He formerly was employed by Bethlehem Steel. Helen, his wife, lives at 336 East North Street.

★ **Cpl. Albert Carl**, at present stationed at Washington, D. C., on special duty, recently enjoyed a visit home. He is a member of the Corps of Engineers and has been in service since November 21, 1942. After training at Ft. Meade, he was stationed at Ft. Belvoir for a considerable time.

★ Right now **Dick Hackman**, S 1/c, is at Camp Endicott owing to a transfer to the Sea-Bees. Dick saw considerable sea duty in the Mediterranean area and some "real action", as our informant put it.

★ **James C. Schwartz**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Schwartz, is taking basic training at Camp Croft, S. C. He's a graduate at Liberty Hi, class of 1944,

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Richard Hackman



H. H. Kurtz



Dale R. Reibley



Andrew Kudlak



Joseph T. Whitley



William Sarik



James W. Meissner

starred in football and was inducted July 24.

★ **Charles "Chink" Romig** is back on the West Coast after a well-earned 30-day furlough at the conclusion of 15 months in the Pacific war theatre.

★ **Harry Lewis**, home on his first furlough from Fort Ord, Calif. recently, was quite the cynosure of every eye in his uniform, our Nativity reporter reports.

★ **Pvt. Robert W. Beers**, 1406 Iron Street, is now at Camp Houze, Texas, with the Infantry. He was inducted August 22, 1944 and trained at Ft. Belvoir with the Engineers.

★ After more than a year in Brazil at a Naval repair base, **Andrew Kudlak**, M 3/c, has returned to the United States and is stationed at Richmond, Va. at advanced welding school. He's a metalsmith. Before going into the Navy two years ago he worked for the Steel company as a rigger. Andy is the father of the two cute boys, Andrew, Jr., 5, and Robert, 3, whose picture appeared in the Christmas issue of Stars.

★ Whitebey Island Naval air station is the present location of **Jim Meissner**, S 1/c (AOM) according to word from his family, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Meissner, 1007 Main Street. Jim

"joined up" in March of 1944 from his employment with Glenn Martin Aircraft Corp. at Baltimore, Md. He took his boot training at Bainbridge, Md., from where he was sent to Naval aviation ordnance school at Memphis, Tenn. Completing this course, he was made seaman first class and in October was sent to gunnery school at Whitebey. A member of the Class of '40 at LHS, he is a son of First Presbyterian Church, North Side.

★ **Thomas E. Miller**, A/S, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arling Miller, 1524 Broadway, left during the second week of January for Sampson, N. Y., to begin his boot training. Before entering the service Tommy was a student at Moravian Preparatory School. In his first letter home Tommy said if we thought it was cold here we should be with him. When he arrived at Sampson the temperature was 2° above zero and still falling. His friends at church are all hoping he will soon meet up with another one of our members who is stationed there, **William H. Reisch**, C.Q.M., U.S.N. Mr. and Mrs. Reisch are living in Geneva, N. Y. They will certainly make home seem a little closer to Tommy.



James Schwartz



Whitney Young



Earl Lindner



Francis Brown



Ralph Woodring, Jr.

WITH THE LEATHERNECKS

Salute The Heroes Of Iwo Jima!



W. W. Nelson, Jr.

Walter Green

John W. Coken

LeRoy Wintersteen

★ Recuperating from wounds received in the invasion of the Marshalls, *Cpl. Norman W. Nelson, Jr.*, is enjoying the beauties of Hawaii. He has been overseas since December, 1943. Norman enlisted in March of that year while a senior at Liberty Hi. After boot training at Parris Island, S. C., he was sent to Camp Pendleton, Calif.

★ *S/Sgt. Edgar D. Thomas* was recently transferred from Cherry Point to Edge Mountain Lake, Texas, at completion of study in ground Radar gear. Now in a Nite-Fighter squadron, he is taking up Air Radar. He has been in the service almost two years.

★ *Pfc. Walter Green* is at Marine airbase, Cherry Point, N. C. where he is one of the men who checks the planes before the takeoff and after the landings. Perfect condition and nothing less is the aim.

★ Letters from *Pvt. John J. Coken* to his wife, Betty, come from the South Pacific. John got his boot training at Parris Island, S. C. and further training at New River, N. C. and Camp Pendleton, Cal. Home address—1401 Lorain Avenue.

★ *LeRoy Wintersteen*, who entered the service in May, '44, is now at Sampson, N. Y., with a Marine aviation detail. He has been at Parris Island, S. C., and Cherry Point. He is the son of Mrs. Edith Wintersteen.



★ *Richard Seifert*, serving with the Infantry somewhere in Germany has received his first stripe and now rates as private first class. He entered the service July 24, 1944, and has been overseas since January last.

★ Overseas since April, 1944, *Claude Bickert*, has been advanced to private first class. He has been in service since December 18, 1943. He is attached to the Quartermaster Corps.

★ *Pfc. John Hegedus*, son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Hegedus, is recovering from wounds at Earpigny on Christmas Day, 1944. He is, in fact, so well recovered that he has been released for duty.

★ *Cpl. Earl E. Peters* is serving with Major Gen. P. L. Williams' Troop Carrier forces in France. He has been overseas ten months. One of the operations in which he took part was the supplying of the besieged American forces in Bastogne during the Germans' December counter-offensive.

★ The Purple Heart has been awarded to *Pvt. Russell C. Ziegenfuss* for wounds received in Luxembourg on January 21. He sent the metal home to his mother, Mrs. Ray C. Ziegenfuss, 1313 Altman Street.

★ A baptism of fire on the shores of Iwo Jima fell to the lot of *Pfc. Henry S. Douglas, U.S.M.C.*, member of Salem Lutheran church, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry T. Douglas of Kemmerer Avenue, Bethlehem. Young Douglas, 18 years old, has been in the Marines since March 1943, just a year, enlisting just after graduation from high school. On Iwo he acted in the capacity of battalion runner, covering eight to ten miles under heavy fire. When he hit the beach the first day he was lugging 40 pounds of radio batteries. His closest call came when an artillery burst killed three men of his squad only four feet behind him.

★ Word that *Lt. Cornelius P. Shields*, 26, pilot of a B-17 bomber in Italy has been reported missing in action has been received by his wife, the former Frances Conahan, the mes-

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★ *Sgt. Whitney J. Young*, son of Mr. and Mrs. Constant E. Young of Martel Street, is chief inspector for the Signal Corps at the Delco plant in Kokomo, Ind. He has been in service since October, 1944, and was inducted at Camp Atterbury, Ind.

★ *2nd. Lt. Gilbert H. Kauffman*, 24, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert H. Kauffman, 315 West 4th Street, was killed in action January 15 in Italy. He had been serving with the Army Air Forces since February 26, 1942 and was commissioned at Aloe Army Airfield, Victoria, Texas, June 27, 1944. He had been overseas for about six months. Lt. Kauffman was born in Bethlehem, July 15, 1920. He was a graduate of Liberty Hi, class of 1939, and had been employed by Bethlehem Steel. He was a member of the Cathedral Church of The Nativity. Surviving besides his parents are two brothers, Albert H., Jr., petty officer, U. S. N. R., and LeRoy Francis, of Bethlehem, and a sister, Dorothy, wife of Marius Stavers, also of Bethlehem.

★ *Pfc. Robert Fissel*, who was slightly wounded in Germany during the winter, has been transferred to the Air Force, having recovered from his injuries at a hospital in England.

★ *Staff Sgt. Roland D. Gangwer*, who returned to this country a short time ago from a German prison camp, where he had been for more than a year, was one among 140 other men aboard the SS Gripsholm to receive decorations. Sgt. Gangwer was among the top ten men.

A gunner aboard a Flying Fortress, he was given the Distinguished Flying Cross and an Oak Leaf Cluster. He had previously earned the Air Medal and two Oak Leaf Clusters. Possibly just as wonderful to Gangwer and his fellows when they landed in the U. S. was the steak dinner each was served upon arrival in the hospital of their choice.

★ *Walter W. Lilly, Jr.*, stationed in the Marianas with the Aviation Engineers, has been made a sergeant.

sage coming from the War Department. He joined the armed forces in February, 1943, and was commissioned a 2nd lieutenant March 12, 1944, at Columbus Air Field. He trained for overseas duty at Hendricks Field, Fla. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Shields, 1016 Delaware Avenue.

★ *Cpl. Harold Klotz* has been killed in action in Germany, a War Department message has informed his mother. His death occurred February 28. Father of a six-year-old son, Robert, he recently celebrated his 30th birthday. Cpl. Klotz was serving in the Infantry, although he had earlier trained with the anti-aircraft.

★ *Richard and Howard Bartholomew*, sons of Mrs. F. J. Bartholomew, 1965 West Broad Street, have each received promotions. Howard has advanced from second to first lieutenant and Richard to seaman first class. The former has been serving since 1940, the latter since June, 1944.

"I've seen my share of the Burma Road and helped exterminate a good number of Japs on it. I met a few more friends from Bethlehem by chance one day when I was sorting mail. The interesting thing is that I picked up a 'Stars' and said to myself, 'This is mine.' Then I came across another one and thought to myself, 'This one couldn't be mine, too,' and after a careful check I found it belonged to a lad named Cavey, who has been in the same company with me for at least six months. For an Intelligence Sergeant I am not so intelligent!"

★ This one is from *Bill Hillegas*. He says: "I just finished reading the Christmas issue of Stars. I enjoyed it very much. It sure was a swell idea of Ed Faust's to have it contain pictures of our loved ones. (Take a bow, Ed.)"

"Perhaps you would like to know how I spent Christmas. I was quite fortunate this year. I was able to attend Christmas Eve services in one of the French churches in the town of Strasbourg. I also had a very charming young lady with me. She happened to be a nurse at the University of Strasbourg Hospital; also the pastor's daughter. My knowledge of French isn't too great, but I got along. I had Christmas dinner at the pastor's home. Everything was swell, except for being away from home and the possibility of the Germans retaking the town.

"Since then we have moved on once more. We are out in the fields, which now have a foot or more of snow for a blanket.

"You probably know about my kid brother enlisting in the Navy. He makes the fourth member of our family to enter the service. I'd like to say 'Hello' to all the boys from around home. I'd sure like to find out where they are all stationed." (Bill, you may be interested to know that your fears of the censor's scissors were groundless this time. He must have been a pretty swell sort. Griff.)

★ One of St. Matthew's Lutheran boys, *Curtis P. Beidelman*, has written from the U. S. N. T. & D. C. at Camp Peary, Va.: "I've finally decided to write a few lines and say 'thanks' for your untiring effort in editing Stars in The Service. I've been the recipient since it's first issue and have just about the same to say about it as many of the other fellows who have written to you. It has kept me in the know about my many friends in the service.

"I returned from overseas in December and spent the holidays at home, at which time I received your last issue. The issue of October just caught up with me this March 3rd, four months to the day after it was sent and traveling out to the Pacific and back. It really is remarkable how the mail goes through. It's swell to be back and at present I am attending advanced electricians mate school here, which lasts for 18 weeks. I get home occasionally and it is really swell to be in the old home town.

"I am grateful to Rev. Berkemeyer for seeing I get Stars."

★ In a letter dated February 28, *Pfc. Don Galbraith, U.S.M.C.*, says: "I have just received three copies of Stars. I wish to thank you and Salem church for thinking of me . . . In one issue it showed the Mastellar boys, who are all in the Navy and it sure was a treat to see them and also a bunch of other swell fellows on the fronts doing their bits. I haven't been over here a long time but I did lose contact with a bunch of buddies who shipped out and I sure would like to wish them a lot of luck and take this opportunity of saying 'Hello gang, keep the ball a'rolling!'"

"I have gone through the course at Parris Island about the same time Dick McCandless did and I saw quite a bit of him down there on that little Island. From there I want to Camp LeJeune, where I went through machine gun school. Next, a course in demolition for six weeks . . . I was shipped out from the west coast and from there it is a secret. The weather is always warm and there is a swell moon every now and then. I sure do miss my wife and only son and also the old gang!"

★ In a letter to his parents, *Sgt. Paul Kolesar*, in the South Pacific, says he was glad to see their pictures in the Christmas issue of Stars.

More Letters

★ Date lined "Somewhere in France," a letter from *Pfc. George P. James* says: "This is my 4th issue of 'Stars in The Service' . . . and I think that Christmas issue was one of the best so far. The First Baptist Church sends them to me. I think it is swell of them to do it . . . I am overseas a little over three months. I landed in France on my 31st birthday. I have been in the Army almost three years and have not seen anyone from Bethlehem in that time. When I was in the U. S. I was in Mississippi and Georgia . . . There is a lot of snow over here right now . . . May God bless you all and keep you well and happy always."

★ *S/Sgt. Charles Keeler* writes from Burma: "Here I am again. Still stationed here in Burma and in good health. I just received the December issue of Stars and sure was glad to get it. I sweat each issue of Stars out like I would a letter from home. Ed Faust's idea on pictures of our families and sweethearts is wonderful. It sure brings up one's morale.





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