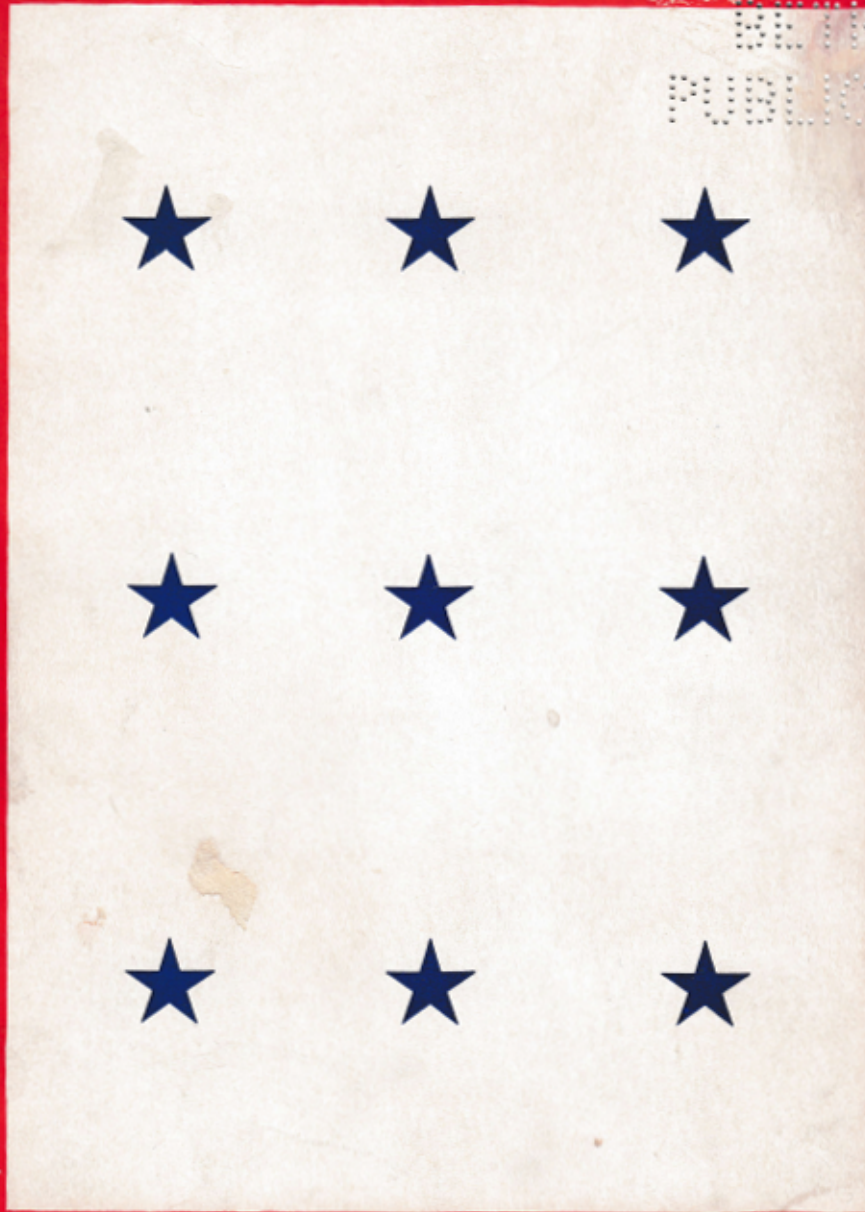


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Messages of Greeting From Our Clergy 1

O Lord, Hear Our Prayer

Psalm 35

- 1—Plead my cause, O Lord, with them that strive with me: fight against them that fight against me.
- 2—Take hold of the shield and buckler, and stand up for mine help.
- 3—Draw out also the spear and stop the way against them that persecute me: say unto my soul, I am thy salvation.

BISHOP'S HOUSE

Bethlehem, Pennsylvania

I'm glad to have this opportunity to send a word of greeting to those from our community who are serving in the Armed Forces assuring them of our prayers and good will. Every day brings more evidence of the courage and fine standards upheld by the men and women in our country's uniform. Their letters make it clear that they understand what this struggle for freedom and democracy means and is to mean to our world. Their service will go far toward preserving the things we all know to be worthwhile and we go with them in spirit even though we can't be there in person.

Faithfully,

FRANK WM. STERRETT,
Bishop, Protestant Episcopal
Diocese of Bethlehem

- 4—Let them be confounded and put to shame that seek after my soul: let them be turned back and brought to confusion that devise my hurt.
- 5—Let them be as chaff before the wind: and let the angel of the Lord chase them.
- 23—Stir up thyself, and awake to my judgment, even unto my cause, my God and my Lord.
- 25—Let them not say in their hearts, Ah, so would we have it: let them not say, We have swallowed him up.
- 26—Let them be ashamed and brought to confusion together that rejoice at mine hurt: let them be clothed with shame and dishonour that magnify themselves against me.

BRITH SHOLOM COMMUNITY CENTER

Bethlehem, Pennsylvania

To the Men in Service:

I am delighted to see "Stars in the Service" reach out and establish lines of communication from the home front to those on the various fighting fronts.

We who are manning the rear want you to know that we will do everything in our power to bring complete victory and enduring peace even as you who are on the war fronts will strive valiantly to defeat the enemies of mankind, clear away the wreckage and start setting up anew the kind of world we want to live in.

Know that our thoughts, our hopes, our prayers are with you as you go forth to meet the foe. We pray for your speedy return to our midst so that our lines of communication can be shortened, thereby signaling the dawn of a better day.

Meanwhile we on the home front send you our collective blessing.

Cordially,

RABBI MORDECAI L. BRILL.

St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church

Packer Avenue and Vine Street
Bethlehem, Pennsylvania

Dear Servicemen:

I listened recently to Joseph C. Grew, former ambassador to Japan, as he addressed his remarks to the 102 graduates of Lehigh University at their first commencement under the accelerated program. The title of his address was "His Truth is Marching On." After telling them that every man in the class needs to play his part in the search after truth, he said: "I cannot deplore the outlook that you face today. I can only congratulate you that you have a man's work to do. We have taken the offensive against our foes—on all continents and all seas of the globe."

A long hard road stretches before the millions who wear the uniform of our country. But that road leads now, as in times past, to victory and peace. With a firm belief in the triumph of truth and in the right to defend those things we hold dear and sacred, our forces, wherever they are, will strive to the utmost to overpower our enemies and to assure for themselves and their successors the enjoyment of life as a free people.

CORSON C. SNYDER,
Pastor.

SKIPPER VENETIANER MEETS TEN BETHLEHEM SOLDIERS WHERE SLAVE TRADERS REVELLED AND FOUGHT

FICTION OUTDONE

Out of the hodge-podge of wartime news there comes a story now and then fit to make the headlines on other than a sensationalism basis. Such a one is that of Captain Edward Venetianer, Bethlehem salt and shipmaster for the U. S. Maritime Commission, who came home from a trip to the Belgian Congo with the tale of having come across ten Bethlehem men in Leopoldville through a tip given him by an Army chaplain with whom he had had dinner.

The sky pilot with a good memory for unusual facts, remembered that on a recent visit to Leopoldville he had talked with a soldier who mentioned the "Bach Choir." That meant but one thing to Captain Venetianer—the man was from Bethlehem!

A little later the shipmaster took his ship into Leopoldville for quinine for his crew and there he looked up the soldier from the Bach Choir town and found not one soldier, but ten of them from Bethlehem. He and nine of them are pictured here.

Captain Venetianer has been at sea since 1905. He is not much inclined to talk about his experiences, but he did say he'd met General Charles DeGaulle, Free French chieftain, who was inspecting native troops in French Equatorial Africa. On his return trip from his encounter with the Christmas City ten he brought a partial cargo of rubber.



Immaculate in his Summer "whites", Captain Edward Venetianer, Bethlehem shipmaster, stands among nine of the ten Bethlehem soldiers whom he met in the city of Leopoldville, Belgian Congo. They were Tech. Louis F. Domotoc, 1812 Jennings Street; Pvt. Preston W. Laible, Bethlehem, R. D. 3; Pvt. Stewart R. Hall, 1414 Wood Street; Sgt. Francis P. Bender, Bishorthorpe Street; Pvt. Kenneth Morgan, 617 Maple Street; Tech. Raymond W. Hinkle, 431 Montclair Avenue; Pvt. D. C. Wisler, 776 Washington Avenue; Tech. John J. Karpiac, Quakertown, formerly of Bethlehem; Pvt. Bernard C. Koch, 623 Diehl Avenue, and Corp. Wilbur C. Klingaman, 2103 Glendale Avenue. The picture is reproduced by courtesy of Mrs. Venetianer, who resides at 531 Eleventh Avenue.

Here's one for the book—From the congregation of St. Peter's Lutheran church have gone five sets of brothers, Pastor Snyder called our attention to this unusual circumstance. The lads are Albert and Karl Doster, Elmer and Harvey Kincaid, James and Richard D. Klotz, George and Kenneth Lindner and Charles and Henry L. Ritter.

Serving his country on another front than the battle line is William Choke, who has been at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, aiding in the rebuilding and repair there which has followed the Jap sneak attack of December 1941.

ROMANCE, INC.



The engagement of Martha Zilavec and Corporal Julius S. Malik, both of Bethlehem, has been announced, but there's not a hint as to the wedding date. John Malik, Julius' Dad, gave out the good news. The young soldier is right now on duty at Camp Pickett, Va.

Russell Grover, Leatherneck, and Beatrice Novak have plighted their troth and someday will be man and wife. Their engagement was announced when Russell was home on his last furlough. Latest word from him is that he enjoyed his trip to the West Coast and that he is continuing to serve his country in the glorious tradition of the famous Marine Corps.

Culmination of the romance of a popular young couple from this city was revealed when Miss Marion Muhr and Ensign Charles S. Redline, U. S. N., became engaged, the betrothal being announced by the couples' parents after a 'phone call from the University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, Ind., where Ensign Redline is stationed.



Getting in Shape for Adolph—Pvt. Clifford Lewis, with the axe, and another member of his outfit, Pfc. Hurtzman, stationed somewhere in North Africa on a farm, remembering the mouth-watering Sunday dinners back home in which chicken was the piece de resistance, took steps to provide themselves with just such a meal, as you can see.

WEDDINGS DON'T TAKE --- WITHOUT

Announcement of the marriage of Miss Joyce Elizabeth Huffman and Lieutenant Samuel Richard Kilpatrick, U. S. Army Infantry, has been made by Mrs. Milton Keith Huffman, 1213 Wood Street, mother of the bride. The knot was tied by the Rev. J. A. Smith on December 23 in Emmanuel E-C church. The newly-weds are at Camp Rucker, where Lieut. Kilpatrick is stationed. Oh yes, he's the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kilpatrick of Hawthorne Road.

Married in January in St. John Capistrano church were Lillian Kerso and Cpl. Thomas Repsher. The young

soldier was home on furlough from his post in Los Angeles, Calif., visiting his mother, Mrs. Mary Waters, of East Elizabeth Avenue.

Corporal Edward Fleischer and Dr. Clara Joel, of Richmond, Va., were married in that city on January 5. Congratulations and a long and happy wedded life!

Ensign Henry "Bud" Schweitzer, of the U. S. S. Corry, was married recently. He writes his friends that he'd rather be back home with his missus, but he'll stick with the Navy through high and low water 'till the big job is done.



Lieut. and Mrs. Dean T. Stevenson
(Doris and Steve)

THE SKY PILOT--MEET STEVE & DORIS

Army Chaplain from Bethlehem is Lieutenant Dean T. Stevenson, formerly assistant minister at the Pro-Cathedral Episcopal Church of the Nativity, who, with his bride, is on duty at Camp Medford, Oregon. One of the most interesting features of his work, he writes, has been the willing-

ness, indeed eagerness, of all religious groups at the camp to co-operate. He says in a recent letter, "We don't have a Jewish chaplain on the post so we've been doing the best we can with all co-operating. Some of our Jewish boys take turns leading the worship service, one of the Protestant

chaplains preaches the sermon and one of our Catholic chaplains serves as our organist. Try and beat that for co-operation!"

OUR THANKS

In back of every voluntary project such as STARS in the Service is always a public-spirited group of interested and unselfish persons, generally so numerous that to name all of them, individually, would be impossible, but to whom, nonetheless, the staff which gets the mechanics of the job done owes more than it can recompense. Such is our case, and we wish in these brief paragraphs, to say "thank you, one and all, for your interest, co-operation and whole-hearted support. Without you there would be no STARS."

Particular thanks are due Florian Deppe, Walter Mooney, Lester Henn, Jr., Harold Lynn, Florence Pachter, Jeanette Miller, Jeanette Titlow, Ray Hofert, Francis Knouss.

The interest of everyone in Bethlehem, Fountain Hill, Hellertown, and Freemansburg is invited, particularly that of parents and families of service men and women, clergy of all denominations, young people's and other organizations, and individuals. You can learn how you can help if you will call The Editor, STARS in the Service, Bethlehem 7-4949, or write to him at 1300 Main Street, Bethlehem.

If you have sent in news and pictures and don't see them in this issue, don't be discouraged. There probably was not room. They'll be in the next one, which is coming out shortly if the support of this justifies it.

Thanks a Million, Everybody.

BERTRAM L. NAGLE
City Clerk

DANIEL L. MCCARTHY
City Solicitor



WALTER W. STRASBURG
Building Inspector
Zoning Administrator

ROBERT PFEIFLE, Mayor
Director of Public Affairs
Bethlehem, Pa.

January 19, 1943.

Greetings:

On behalf of the Citizens of Bethlehem, the Christmas City of the United States of America, I extend kindest thoughts and best wishes to you, the members of our armed forces, who are so nobly serving our Country in time of peril. We are truly proud of you and are confident that you will give a good account of yourselves when you meet our enemies. If ever there was a time for daring thinking, planning, action and for greatness, it is now.

We at the home front fully realize the many sacrifices you are making wherever you are stationed and you can rest assured that we, the people of Bethlehem, won't let you boys down. This is our fight as well as yours. We all are on the march to save and preserve democracy and we will do our utmost at home to supply you with all the necessary implements of war in order to bring about a speedy and ultimate victory with an everlasting peace.

It is our fervent prayer that Almighty God will guide and protect you during the perilous days ahead and reunite you with your loved ones upon the termination of the war which must be a victory for all people.

Our Citizens join me in wishing you God's speed.

Sincerely yours,

Robert Pfeifle,

Mayor.



THE ARMY

Those Yippin' Yanks Overseas

Corp. George S. Comstock, III is stationed with the U. S. Signal Corps in the New Guinea area and is seeing plenty of action. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George Comstock, Jr., 403 Center Street.

Sgt. Robert J. Roberts is in the "land down under," beautiful Australia and he writes of having had the privilege of seeing General Douglas MacArthur, commander-in-chief of the Allied Forces in the South Pacific, but he didn't hear the General speak. Sgt. Roberts' parents are Mr. and Mrs. William H. Roberts of 811 North New Street.

One of the lads who took part in the invasion of Africa is *Pvt. Charles H. Shulteis*, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Shulteis, 31 East Ettwein Street. He is attached to an infantry division headquarters company and spent considerable time in England in training before going to Africa.

Also "somewhere in Australia" is *Lieut. David D. Case*.

On active duty in North Africa with an anti-aircraft outfit is *Pfc. Harry W. Webb, Jr.*, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Webb, 724 Broadway. He's been in the service since September 16, 1940.

Corp. Wilmer Sell is presumed to be in Africa with the AEF. He writes only that he is in good spirits and health.

Twins in the Service are *Pvt. John P. Gerhardt*, who is on a Pacific Island outpost, and his brother *James*, who volunteered for ambulance duty and has left this country for a combat area. The men are sons of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Gerhardt, 41 East Market Street.

Pvt. Henry Knechel, son of Mr. and Mrs. Asa Knechel, 30 East Market Street, is stationed with an Engineer outfit at the place where the Alcan Highway "jumps off" for Nome, Fort Nelson, Can.

Lieut. James M. Goodwillie got to North Africa in time for the invasion. He's with an ordnance unit. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Goodwillie, 1819 Kenmore Avenue.

On a South Pacific Isle surrounded by "National Geographic natives" is *Pfc. John Crockett*. Just where he is we don't know but it's a safe bet he is giving a good account of himself.

Pvt. Clifford Lewis is a member of a Medical battalion and is now in North Africa. Twenty-five years old and unmarried, he went into the army on April 21, 1942. After a quick trip through Cumberland and Camp Lee, he was suddenly shipped to England in June and thence to Africa. He's the son of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Lewis, 446 Pawnee Street, and a former member of the Nativity Y. P. F.



Sgt. Paul Starner
(Story in next column)

Pfc. Harry "Buddy" Reis, recently reported injured in the line of duty "somewhere in Northwest Africa," is recovered, according to a letter, dated November 23, 1942, which his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. David Reis, 2146 Montgomery Street, received from him. Buddy received his injury on November 9. Through the efforts of the United States government, Mr. and Mrs. Reis were able to send him a five-word radio message of cheer. In return, they received a cablegram from their soldier son wishing his homefolks a Happy New Year.



Pfc. Harry W. Webb, Jr.
(Under African Sun)



Pvt. Clifford Lewis
("CC Pills and Iodine")



Pfc. Harry Reis
(Looking pretty fit)

THE ARMY IN THE AIR



On Johnny Bull's "Tight Little Isle" is this husky chap, Sergeant Paul Starner. He's been there since early last October, going from his last U. S. post at Camp Blanding, Fla. He went into the Army on May 8, 1941, took his basic training at Ft. Meade, Md., moved on to Ft. Bragg, N. C., to Blanding and then overseas. Paul used to set type for the Globe-Times. In a recent letter to his sister, he writes interestingly of English life and manners. When his outfit arrived in Britain they were happily surprised to find well equipped barracks awaiting them. He found tobaccos and cigarettes of English make. No chapel, but regular church services in one of the barracks or other buildings. American music very popular in places of entertainment. Movie (cinema) showing "Gone With the Wind" as latest attraction. Country roads narrow, macadamized, free of billboards, piles of junk. Thatched roofed village homes of brick or stone set in gardens bordered with hedges or stone walls. Quaint names on inns. Thinks hiking club would enjoy trek through English countryside. Finds system of "queuing up" for bus stops, cinemas, etc., sensible and polite.

In training in Texas for flight duty is Cpl. LeRoy Overbeck, son of Mr. and Mrs. Chester I. Overbeck, 439 New Street, Freemansburg. He is an enlistee in the Air Corps.

Private Charles W. Johnson was inducted into the army Nov. 11, 1942. After ten days hard labor at New Cumberland he was transferred to Atlantic City and then to Edmond, Oklahoma. He is connected with the Air Corps in a clerical capacity. He writes, "This place doesn't look quite real. The meals, beds, surroundings, rooms, and people are all too nice. There must be a catch to it. Tell everyone that I'm just as content as



Lieut. Paul G. Rajock
(Learns combat tactics)

Lieut. Paul G. Rajock just recently completed his training at the Pan-American Navigation school of the University of Miami, Coral Gables, Fla. He enlisted in the U. S. Army Air Corps in October of 1941. Lieut. Rajock took his pre-flight training and basic training at Maxwell Field, Ala., and Shaw Field, in South Carolina. During this period he was appointed successively cadet lieutenant and captain and designated Group II adjutant of the Army Air Forces Pre-Flight school. At present he is in combat area school at St. Joseph, Mo.



Pvt. Charles W. Johnson
(A dog's life)

I can be, what with being so gosh awful busy and at the same time so far from—Maw."

The reason for his comfort is that he is living in a girls' dormitory at Central State College at Edmond, Oklahoma. He says the girls went out the back door when they moved in the front. He would appreciate letters from his friends, and will answer as soon as he can.

Ferry (not Staten Island) pilot Sgt. Robert Rice is like the Irishman's flea—"when you put your finger on him he isn't there." Sgt. Rice has been at the business for some time and his trips have made a regular globe-trotter out of him. He visits India, Africa and Australia as easily as we go to Easton or Allentown (or did, 'fore the gasoline restrictions).



Lieut. Anthony Carcione
(Has his ups and downs)

Lieut. Anthony "Tony" Carcione, U. S. Army Air Force, son of Mr. and Mrs. Basil Carcione, 1917 Huntington Avenue, gave his parents the best sort of Christmas present when he dropped in on them on Christmas Eve to take them by surprise. Attached to a pursuit squadron at Bradley Field, Conn., "Tony" was slightly hurt when his plane cracked up. However, his injuries were minor and he's OK now.

Lieut. David M. Petty, III, who has been at home on sick leave, returned to the O'Reilly Hospital, Springfield, Mo. Severely injured when his P-38 cracked up in a forced landing, the young airman was forced to remain behind in the hospital when his squadron was ordered into foreign service. Back at the hospital now, he is awaiting service orders. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Petty, Jr., and his engagement to Miss Jean Eshelman of Atherton, Calif., recently was announced.

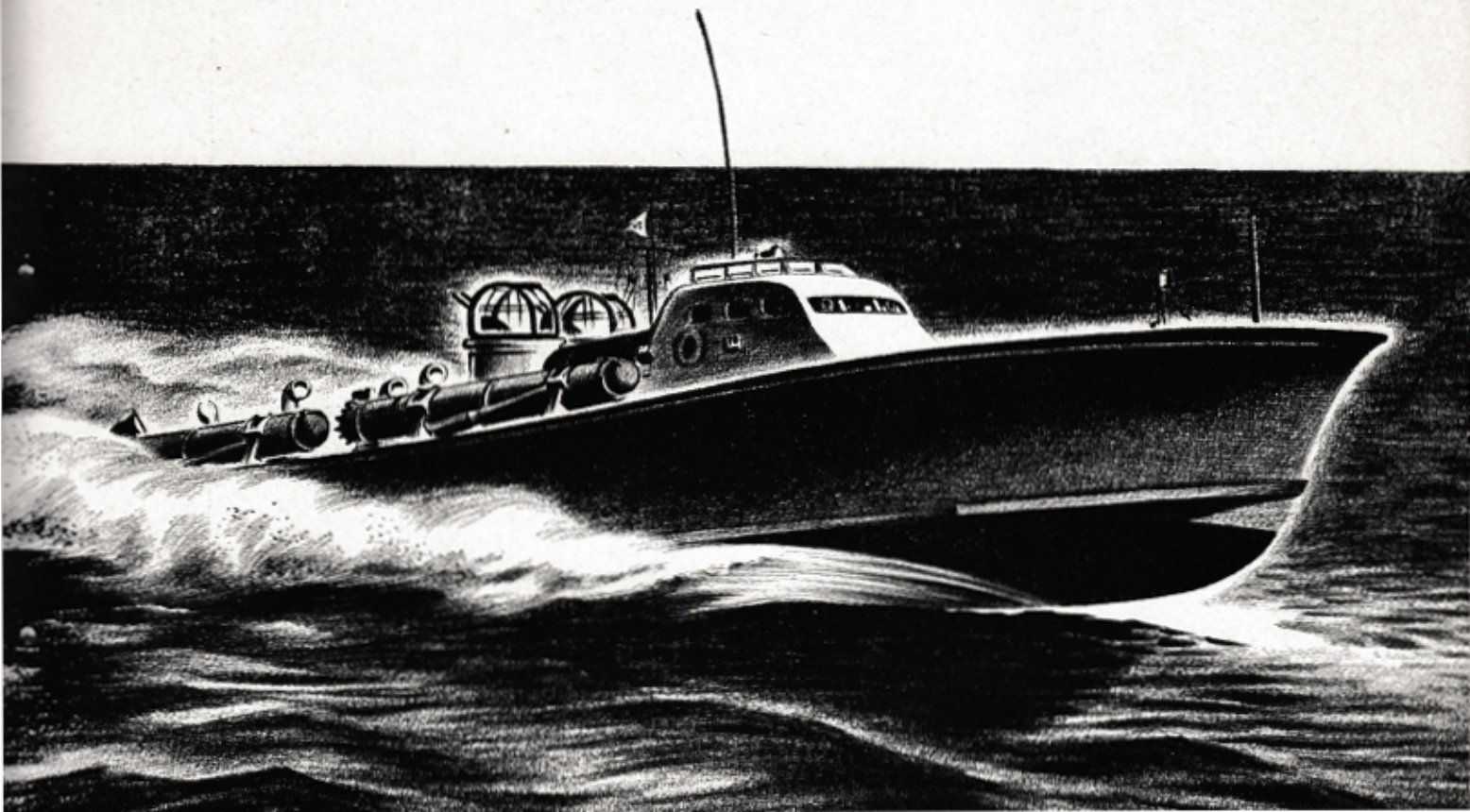
Pvt. George D. Fitzsimmons, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Fitzsimmons, 542 East North Street, is in training in the Air Corps ground school at Sioux City, S. D. Pretty soon he'll be servicing the planes that are bringing our country's might to bear in many corners of the globe.



CEBU RENDEZVOUS

The Place: A narrow strait off the Southern tip of Cebu Island, Philippines. *The Stage Setting:* Pacific waters and a 6,000-ton Jap cruiser and her escort destroyers passing through the strait. *The Action:* Out of the night, her motors roaring a crescendo of defiance, dashes the war's most feared weapon, the PT (Motor Torpedo) boat, a young American Naval officer in command, a young American crew at the torpedo tubes, the guns, the engines. Straight past the nearest destroyer she charges, right onto the Nipponese cruiser faintly silhouetted in the sky glow! *Orders:* Fire one! Fire two! Torpedoes leap into the Pacific, cross the swiftly narrowing stretch

of water, explode with shattering roar in the enemy's hull. Searchlights on Jap ships illumine the sky, five- and six-inch guns open up, shells rip the water about the tiny American craft. A hailstorm of machine gun fire spatters about her as she sheers off at top speed and a sister ship roars in to the kill. A great cloud of smoke envelops the sinking cruiser, a pillar of flame leaps skyward for a brief space and the mortally-stricken Jap plunges to Davy Jones' locker, just 20 minutes after she was struck. Another epic of the sea war is written in blood, smoke and heroism for the history books. In such fashion are the glorious traditions of our gallant Navy upheld.



ARMY IN THE AIR—Continued

Pvt. Raymond Sell is at Hamilton Field, Calif., where he, too, is learning the intricacies of aerial gunnery. He has seen a lot of this great country of ours in the last few months.

Pvt. G. E. Deitz, former member of the church council of Grace Lutheran, is stationed at San Antonio, Texas, as a member of an Army Airforce ground crew.

Pvt. John Erdell, Army Airforce, is at Atlantic City, N. J., doing just what he did in civilian life—using his artistic talents—and enjoying it.

Pvt. Norman Miller is in the Ferrying Squadron and is located at Rosecrans Field, St. Joseph, Mo.

Recently made a captain in the U. S. Army Air Corps is Thorpe A. Mayes, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Mayes, 1209 North New Street. Captain Mayes has been in the service about 18 months, over a year of which has been spent in North Africa. He went out just after Pearl Harbor to help set up the Cairo air supply route. News of his promotion was contained in a cable to his family.

Benjamin Moss, former resident of this city, has been made a sergeant in the Army Airforce at Bolling Field, D. C.

Airminded, too, is *Albert Spear*, also a former staff sergeant, who is now piloting gliders at Fort Morgan. It's new and exciting.

Lieut. Michael Hochella, Army Air Corps, stationed at Columbia, S. C., is impressed by the real spirit of friendship he has found among pilots, crews and ground force since entering the service.

Sub Sighter Sgt. Edward Smith tells of the exploits of the Atlantic coast anti-submarine patrol, of which he is a member. He works out of Langley Field, Va.

2nd Lieut. Paul Frey, Jr., has graduated at aerial gunnery school at Harlingen, Texas, where he has learned, he says, to take a machine gun apart in his sleep. Maybe he'll need to.

Staff Sgt. John D. Rice, son of Mrs. H. Rice, 339 East Broad Street, is a member of a Headquarters Squadron, anti-submarine Wing flight section at Mitchell Field, L. I., N. Y. He entered the service on October 9, 1939, as a private.

Donald N. Love has been transferred from regular army training to airforce pilot school at San Antonio, Texas.

Sam Fink, former staff sergeant, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Fink, is now an Air Cadet at Santa Ana, Calif., where he is learning how to handle the war birds which now are bringing sorrow to the Axis partners.

Silver Wings and a second lieutenant's commission for *John L. Dougherty*. That's the word from the Army Air Force Advanced Flying School at Williams Field, Chandler, Ariz., where Lieut. Dougherty has been taking training as a bombardier. He received his wings and commission on January 2. In Bethlehem his address is 328 East Fourth Street.

Another to receive his wings and second "looie's" bars is *William Finchar*, who has graduated at Luke Field, Phoenix, Arizona. He enlisted as a flying cadet in April of '42. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Walter Finchar, 713 Fifth Avenue.

A communique from McDill Field, Tampa, Fla., informs us that Staff Sergeant John J. Hrkack, Bethlehem R. D. 4, has been made a Flight Officer, which rates him the courtesies due commissioned officers. He is a pilot in a bombing squadron.

Also in Texas is *Kenneth E. Miller*, now in the final stages of flight training at Brooks Field.

THE ARMY ON THE HOME LOAM



Pvt. Frederick J. Weider
("Pal" cut his hair)

A pal who can cut hair has Frederick J. Weider, private, U. S. Army, the man with the overseas cap on in the picture. The "pal" is the tall chap. He hails from Kentucky, says Weider. The two soldiers are at Tactical School, Sturbridge, Mass. Pvt.

Weider is the son of John Weider, 1532 East Seventh Street. He went in on May 8, 1942.

Staff Sgt. Earl George is in radio work at Pope Field, Fort Bragg, N. C. It's all dots and dashes to him these days.

Warrant Officer Charles Cleveland was home recently looking better than ever, which is saying something! He is back on the job now at Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo.

Lieut. Carstens Haas is stationed at Camp San Luis Obispo, Calif. On a recent furlough he flew with his wife to visit his parents and Grace Lutheran congregation.

There's a story going the rounds that *Pvt. Robert E. Gross* is sleeping in a stall formerly occupied by one of Bing Crosby's horses. Pvt. Gross' friends are wondering if he ever has waked up a little horse and buggy (oh, oh!) He's stationed at Camp Santa Anita, Arcadia, Calif., where the bangtails ran in their heyday—no pun intended.

Corp. Frank Shoffstall, who spent several years in the U. S. Army prior to the present conflict, and who re-enlisted at the outbreak of the war, is stationed with the Engineering Corps at Camp Butner, N. C.

Pvt. Robert T. Fitzsimmons, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Fitzsimmons, 542 East North Street, is at New Cumberland induction center.

Lieut. James Laidman, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Laidman, and who was formerly associated with the Bethlehem Steel Co. barge building department, received his commission last Armistice Day. He is attached to an Armored Division at Ft. Benning, Ga., and suggests that friends read "Mines by The Millions" in the December Reader's Digest, in order to get an idea of the kind of work he is doing.

Staff Sgt. Andy Danish is at Fort Bliss, Texas. Recently he sent a postcard with a picture of the place. It looks pretty nice.



Pvt. Robert B. Hampson
(Connoisseur of odors)

Pvt. Robert B. Hampson is learning the ins and outs of chemical warfare at Gadsden, Ala., with a chemical warfare service training battalion. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Hampson, 1936 Paul Avenue, not so long ago went down to Alabama on the Chattenoga Choo-choo to see Bob. They went by train and of that epic trip they have since had many a tale to tell.

Corporal William Thompson, son of William J. Thompson of 1116 North Main Street, recently enjoyed a furlough after completion of an officers' training course at Fort Benning, Ga. He is now on a military reservation in Virginia for further training.

Earl Leonard, brother of Mrs. Harold Heimbrook of Bethlehem, is a member of an Anti-Aircraft Division in Newfoundland. As a corporal technician, he has been studying advanced mathematics. One of his jobs has been to train dogs.

Arthur Andrews, son of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Andrews of 1122 Center Street, has been stationed at Fort George Wright near Spokane, Washington, since November. He is Sergeant of the Guards of his outfit of Aviation Engineers, whose duty it is to build, maintain, and camouflage airfields.

Albert S. Johnson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Johnson, of 42 West Laurel Street, this city, has enlisted as a private in the Air Force Enlisted Reserves. He was sworn in December 8, 1942, and he's waiting anxiously to be called. Upon induction into active service he will enter the Air Corps training program as an Air Cadet.



2nd Lieut. Donald Fry
(Sand Swallower)

Learning the art of desert warfare with Uncle Sam's sand swallows somewhere in the Western United States is Second Lieut. Donald Fry, husband of the former Catherine Hassick, whom he married just before induction into the service on the 24th of May, 1941. One thing about Lieut. Fry, he was accustomed to travel, for he had been a railway mail clerk and hence feels pretty much at home in the fast moving U. S. Army. Another handy thing about the young officer is that he taught Latin and English in the Fountain Hill J. H. S., so learning should come easy. He was an active member of St. Peter's Lutheran Brotherhood and taught in the Sunday school. His dad and mother are Mr. and Mrs. Erwin Fry, of 608 South Hoffert Street. His wife is living with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Hassick at 630 Ontario Street.

Private Raymond Steager was inducted into the army on September 17, 1942 and is engaged in non-combat duty. At a graduation on December 19, 1942, he stood 4th highest in his class at Finance School. On January 6 he was transferred from Indiana to Seattle.

On December 8, 1942, Harold Ruth became a Field Sergeant in the Infantry. On Thanksgiving he won a Sharpshooter's Medal with the automatic rifle. Home over the holidays for a fifteen-day leave, he recently returned to Camp Livingstone, Louisiana, where he is stationed at present.

"A beautiful place" writes Lieut. Ed. Schrader from Camp Adair, Oregon. There's a but, though—"if you have time to look at it." Sounds as if Lieut. Schrader must have had time sometime.



Sgt. Truman S. Ziegenfuss
(Scissors and paste)

Here's a soldier Ye Editor would like to meet. He's Sergeant Truman S. Ziegenfuss and he at present is art editor of a weekly publication sent to the homes of service men. He also serves with the Public Relations Board of the Army Air Corps.

Charles R. Kemmerer of 1104 Main Street is serving in the Coast Artillery. He has been in the service for three years, and has attained the rank of Sergeant. His address is Personnel 605, C. A. (A. A.), General Delivery, Charlestown, Mass.

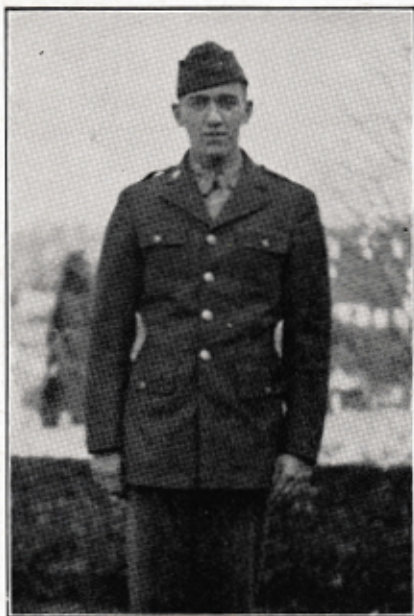
Private Clarence Dale Kemmerer of the same address left for service on Jan. 2, 1943. His first letter states that he is training at St. Petersburg, Florida.

Corp. Joe Heller received his basic training at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas, in the Armored Medical Battalion. At present he is on desert maneuvers in Southern California. Joe recently took a three day trip to Hollywood during which time he enjoyed a tour of 20th Century Fox Motion Picture Studio. He visited the Hollywood Canteen and witnessed a football game between the University of Southern California and Notre Dame. On Christmas Day a group of Hollywood celebrities came to the desert and entertained the service men. Joe expects a furlough around the middle of February. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Heller, 517 Eleventh Avenue, and was inducted March 30, 1942.

Walter Zollinger, 237 E. Elizabeth Ave., a private in the United States Army, is stationed at Salt Lake City, Utah, where he is studying medical technology. He entered the service on December 8, 1942.

THE ARMY ON THE HOME LOAM

(CONTINUED)



Pvt. John Patton
(Swingeroo)

Swing it, Brothers, that's John Patton, private, U. S. Army Signal Corps, who has formed a "swing band" for the pleasure of his buddies at Camp Mudbury, Indiana. Private John hails from Freemansburg, where his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Patton, live at 232 Green Street.

Sgt. Martin Sonnenfeld, who is stationed at present at Ft. George Meade, Md., was home on furlough over the New Year's visiting his family here.

Recently commissioned second lieutenants in Uncle Sam's growing army are Morris Mindlin, Milton Spilberg, Martin Blinderman and Rapheal Scoby. Lieut. Mindlin is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Mindlin, 736 Main Street. He is stationed at Fort Storey, Va., and resides with his wife at Virginia Beach. Lieut. Blinderman, now stationed at Camp Davis, N. C., was home on furlough recently visiting his family and friends. Lieut. Spilberg is at the Hotel Monticello, Norfolk, Va., and Lieut. Scoby at Camp Lee, Va.

Promoted to private first class is Joseph Greenberg, whose present station is at the 78th Station Hospital, New Orleans, La.

Half of a brother team (the other's a sailor) is Pvt. Lawrence R. Lorrach, formerly of Freemansburg and now of the Army Signal Corps. He has, we hope, a chance now and then to strum on his guitar for "Reds" is pretty hot on that instrument.

Pvt. Compton Case is at Ft. Stevens, Oregon.

Lieut. George H. Scott, son of Mr. and Mrs. George A. Scott, 36 Wall Street, is at present at Ft. Belvoir, Va.

Pvt. Norman L. Grady, of Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo., is receiving the congratulations of his friends. He celebrated a birthday on January 11. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Grady, 742 Cherokee Street. Private Grady entered the service on December 17, 1942.

At Camp Hulen, Texas, right now is Pvt. George P. Rowe. He's in the coast artillery, quartermaster division.

A full-fledged soldier is Pvt. George Cunningham, who has finished his basic training at Camp Croft, S. C.

Tootler Tootlin' at Camp Wheeler, Ga., is Pvt. David Weiss, who plays a clarinet in the camp band. A musician by profession and inclination, Dave is right in his element.

Pvt. Marvin Fritzingler entered the service on December 5, last, and is on duty at Ft. Eustis, Va.



Converter is Captain John Herstine who is busily engaged in making soldiers out of civilians at Camp Croft, S. C. Captain John has a tough job on his hands, but once the conversion is made they're the best soldiers in the world, says us.

Sign here says Capt. Charles Van Billiard to the shivering selectee at induction center in Wilkes-Barre, where he is signing 'em up for Uncle Sam.

Pvt. Frederick S. Batsford, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Batsford, N. Y., former employe of the accounting department of the Bethlehem Steel Co., is now at Camp Hood, Texas, with the headquarters company.

Pvt. Robert P. M. Stoudt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Morris Stoudt, of Riegelsville, is learning to "lay eggs" at the bombardier school at Lowry Field, Colorado.

Pvt. Charles Seidle, formerly assistant Dean of Admissions at Lehigh University, is now at Ft. Washington, Md., where he is attending the Adjutant General's officer training school.

Corp. Richard Bender has completed training in mechanical duties and expects to leave Fort Ord, Calif., for active duty very shortly, if he has not already done so.

Pvt. Kenneth Atherholt, located at Carlisle Medical depot at Carlisle, Pa., writes that he has gained two important things "in the line of duty," a lot of medical knowledge and a wife. Nice going, laddie.

Corp. Anthony Schaedler, Camp Livingston, La., got to see the Sugar Bowl game in New Orleans on New Year's Day. What a break for Tony!

Last word from Sgt. Royce Frank-enfeld is that he is ready to go overseas at any moment now. Good hunting soldier!

Fortunate indeed was the congregation of Grace Lutheran church when it dedicated its new service flag to have present to assist in the service Staff Sgt. Warren Bender. Sgt. Bender was home on furlough from Camp Livingston, La., at the time. He's back on duty now.

Pvt. Walter R. Hoffert has a neat job just now with Uncle Sam's Army. He's stationed at Camp Forrest, Tenn., and is doing special work with the headquarters division. Among his duties is that of examining films to detect and remove defects. He was drafted into the service on October 6, 1942. He finished his basic in January and has passed his examinations for officer candidate school, which he expects to enter in the anti-aircraft division. He just got back to camp after spending eight days with his wife and friends here.



Pvt. Walter Hoffert
(Film detector)

THE NAVY AT HOME

Fleet's in . . . Every Man for Himself!

Looking pretty swank here, Raymond Huston, musician 2/c, is wearing the Navy blues now when he cuts loose on his cornet in the naval train-



ing station band at Sampson, N. Y. He and his cornet-tooting propensities got into the service together on October 29, 1942, when he (or they) enlisted. He's the son of Frank and Jessie Huston, 1352 Easton Avenue.

David Ziegenfuss enlisted in the U. S. Navy just one day after the Japs struck at Pearl Harbor. Several months later his brother Franklin followed suit. Now Dame Rumor has it that their sister Betty will become an Army nurse. The lads' mother never knows when one or t'other will pop in on leave. Dave has seen service in many corners of the globe. He considers his trip across the Big Pond with the African invasion convoy his biggest "thriller."

Lieut. John M. Dodson, U. S. N. R., is reported to be somewhere in the Caribbean area. His brother, Lieut. T. Millard Dodson, U. S. N. R., is in parts unknown. It is rumored he's duplicating the role played by Aeolus, God of the Winds, who was the first man to bag a Zephyr. The men are sons of the late T. M. Dodson and Mrs. Richard Chapman.

Lieut. Comm. Henry A. Rothrock, U. S. M. C., former pathologist at St. Luke's Hospital, is on active duty in the Pacific area with the Medical corps.

Ensign John Lisle, formerly associated with Weston-Dodson Co., is stationed at Ft. Schuyler, N. Y.

Lieut. Oliver D. Finnigan, Jr., U. S. N. has recently been given a new assignment at the Camden, N. J., shipyards.

Comm. Maxwell Case, U. S. N., is on active duty at the plant of the Bethlehem Steel Co. here. His two sons are in the service, as mentioned elsewhere.

George Pali, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. George Pali, 438 East Goepf Street, is a cadet in the Naval Air Corps training school at Bucknell University, Lewisburg, Pa.

Charles H. Kuhn, U. S. N. R., writes to an older friend "back home" in defense industry: "You keep 'em rolling, we'll keep patrolling." After taking preliminary training at Newport base, Charlie is doing his bit as a gunner somewhere on one of the seven seas.

Lieut. (j. g.) Donald S. Sawyer, U. S. N. R., former president of the Bethlehem School Board, is now on duty at Portsmouth, Va.

An Old Salt back on the job is Comm. W. D. Greetham, formerly of 1415 Lennox Avenue, who was recalled to active duty at the outbreak of the war, is at present stationed at the Navy Department in Washington, D. C. Commander Greetham is believed to be the oldest active commander at the Navy Department. He is living at present in Arlington, Va.

Recent enlistments in the Navy from among members of Brith Sholom Community Center include: Eugene Schoebel, stationed at Camp Peary, Va.; Jack Schoebel, stationed at Camp Bradford, Va.; Harry Thomas, stationed at Bainbridge, Md., and Tom Bass, on duty at the Naval Air Base, Norfolk, Va.

Via V . . . Mail from Ensign and Mrs. Sidney Brisker to Brith Sholom Community Center came the following New Year's greeting: "Best wishes for a victorious New Year." Ensign Brisker is stationed at Pearl Harbor, Hawaiian Sea Frontier.

Clayton George, A.S., is down in Philadelphia at the Navy Yard just now.

Franklin Hawk, seaman 2/c, is at Boston, Mass., training to become a gunner's mate, a heartfelt ambition he soon will realize.

Edward Wasser, H. A., when he was home last could have told us plenty about Africa, but, like a good son of his Uncle Sam, he didn't say a word. Maybe after the Axis is licked he will say one or two.

Robert Thompson is a Lieut. (j. g.) in the U. S. N. R. He has passed all the required tests and is now waiting to be called to active duty.



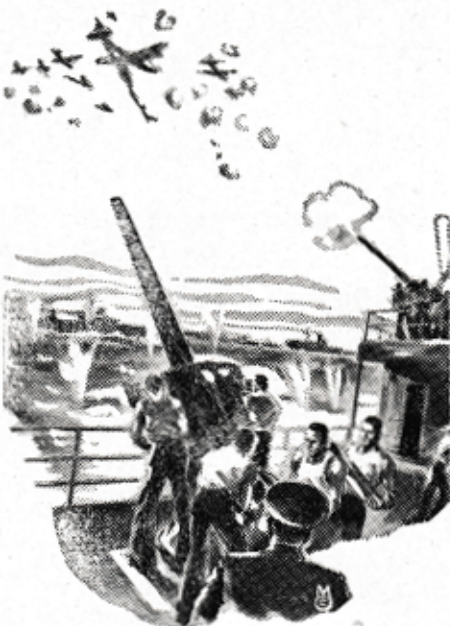
William Green, 1609 Easton Avenue, is enlisted in the Naval Reserve, and is awaiting call to duty. His rank is Lieut. (j. g.)

First to enlist from Trinity Reformed Church in Freemansburg was John H. LaBar, Jr., 403 Main Street. He has seen plenty of action with the Pacific fleet and at present is at San Francisco, Calif.

On a recent furlough, Raymond Peacock, seaman, 2/c, U. S. N., accepted the service flag dedicated at College Hill Moravian Church in behalf of communicant members of that church in the service of our country. Ray enlisted and received his boot training at Sampson, New York. He is now advanced to second class seaman. He has been transferred to Tennessee, where he is presently stationed.

One of two Freemansburg brothers serving his country is Homer Lorrah, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Lorrah, 231 Main Street, who has enlisted in the U. S. Navy and is at present at Quoneset Point, R. I.

Walter Walkiewicz, son of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Walkiewicz, of Steel City, is sporting his new third class petty officer insignia. Now on duty on the West Coast, he is going into his third year in the Navy, having enlisted February 18, 1941.



THE NAVY AT SEA - - "Blow the man down"



Robert E. Bishop
("Fighting Bob")

Youthful veteran of the sea fighting in the South Pacific is Robert E. Bishop, seaman 2/c, U. S. N. Bob, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Noble Bishop, 314 Washington Avenue, was aboard a cruiser in the Solomon's fighting.



Ensign B. F. McMahon, Jr.
(Commands a stinger)

Ensign Benjamin F. McMahon, Jr., U. S. N. R., commands one of those swift and deadly PT boats of which such a vivid account is given in *They Were Expendable*. Ensign McMahon, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. McMahon, 101 Chestnut Street, is somewhere in the Pacific area at present. In a recent issue of the magazine, *Yachting*, Ensign McMahon is pictured at his post behind an anti-aircraft gun aboard one of the famed boats.

Paul Buchold, A. S., is learning how to keep the Navy supplied with good food. He's at the Philadelphia Navy Yard.



Seaman Robert Scheetz
(Off Casablanca)

Seaman 2/c Robert Scheetz is one lad who was right in the thick of things when the AEF landed at Casablanca. He was on the U. S. S. *Tarker Bliss*, trooper, when she was torpedoed and sunk off that port. Of this and other exciting experiences Seaman Scheetz, with true man-o-war modesty, had little to say when he was home recently on a month's leave to visit his mother, Mrs. Eastburn Shelly, 229 East Raspberry Street. Young Shelly and several fellow members of the *Bliss'* crew spent several days in the city of Casablanca before returning to the United States for assignment to another ship. He is at present stationed at Norfolk, Va.



J. Richard Scheetz
(Learning the ropes)

J. Richard Scheetz, brother of Robert, right now is an apprentice seaman at Great Lake's Naval Training Station, Illinois.

Cadet Henry Albert, Jr., is finishing up a four year training course in the Coast Guard training school at Groton, Conn., in four months. Pretty speedy!

Howard A. Peck has enrolled at Great Lakes training center and will graduate as a gunner's mate.

THE NAVY IN THE AIR

Laurence Ray Naegely, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Naegely, of 434 East Laurel Street, this city, is an aviator in the U. S. Naval Reserve and is now in active duty. He enlisted in March 1941, while a student at Lehigh, where he had studied for three years. When he graduated from his training course at Jacksonville, Fla., Ray (then an ensign) was awarded the Vanderbilt Cup, for having attained the highest average in the class. According to information received recently by his parents, he was standing on the flight deck of a U. S. aircraft carrier in the Solomon's battle, September 15 at 2:45 p.m. when the cries, "Torpedo wake!" rang out. He said he saw the wakes of two of the torpedos which struck the vessel. According to his account of what happened, morale among the crew was excellent, with no hysteria. He said the ship's doom



was evident in less than an hour because of exploding ammunition and oil tanks. He donned his life jacket and was helping evacuate men from the stricken carrier when he was blown into the flaming oil on the surface of the water about the ship. He floated there about two and one half hours before being picked up by a destroyer, he wrote. About 95 per cent of the crew was saved and all of them had a grim desire to get back into the fight. After this experience, Lieut. Naegely had a 30-day leave, which he spent with his wife at Coronado, Calif.

WITH THE LEATHERNECKS

"From the Halls of Montezuma---"



Pvt. Leonard Hoffert
(Nipponese Nemesis)

When the Nips on Guadalcanal look into the business end of a service rifle it's apt to be in the hands of Pvt.

Leonard Hoffert, U. S. Marine Corps. And Leonard isn't apt to let them look long. He enlisted with the Devil Dogs just after Pearl Harbor and has won many friends through his personality and his soldier-like conduct. He's the son of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Hoffert, 727 North New Street.

Private James Venninger left on December 11, 1942 to start his training in the Marine Corps. He has been stationed at Parris Island, South Carolina, in the Marine Barracks.

Michael F. Petras, U. S. M. C., is a private first class now. This member of the famous "First to Fight" outfit is somewhere on Guadalcanal Island, at last reports, where the Marines have added new glories to an already glorious tradition. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Petras, 1124 Wood Street.

Corp Grover Trumbower is learning special work at Philadelphia and is staying at the Marine Barracks at the Navy Yard while on this assignment.



Destination Unknown might well be tacked on behind the name of Technical Sergeant Vernon LaRose, who recently left for duty "somewhere in the Pacific." Sgt. LaRose is a veteran of many years in the Marines and has been in California for some time. News of his departure came via letter from his wife to friends here.

Somewhere on the West Coast now is Pvt. Richard H. Lee, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard H. Lee, of Pleasant Valley. He has concluded his "boot camp" work at New River, N. C., and is ready for some real action.

When that Parachute Opens it's liable to be Marine Sergeant Michael Kost dangling at the end of the shrouds. Kost just got his sergeant's chevrons and heads a platoon of Leatherneck paratroopers. He's at San Diego, Calif., and is serving his second enlistment.

WOMEN IN THE SERVICE

First Bethlehem Jewish girl to enter the service of her country is Miss Ruth Silberman, who has enlisted in the WAVES and is waiting to be called up for active duty.

Kay Albert is at Ft. Des Moines, Iowa, with the WAAC but she writes she expects a transfer soon. Says she hopes she's going where the weather is warmer.

Elizabeth M. Venninger, inducted in November 1942 as a member of the WAVES, expects to be called, sometime in January, to a training school. The first girl to enter the service from College Hill Moravian Church, Betty will have the rank of apprentice seaman.

Joan Laidman, whose two brothers are in the service, is a member of the WRENS, women's auxiliary to the English Navy, of which the U. S. WAVES is a counterpart. Miss Laidman was visiting in Paris, France, when the war broke out. She fled to England, not without encountering many difficulties, and is now stationed

near to her former home at Southampton. Miss Laidman is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Laidman.

Two other Bethlehem girls with a yearning for things military—not necessarily tall, dark and handsome, either—are Naomi M. Bleam and Estaline Hamm, both of whom have joined the WAAC. Miss Bleam already has left for Des Moines and by now is learning the intricacies of "hay foot, straw foot" while Estaline is just waiting her call to report. Mrs. Linford Bleam, 113 East Garrison Street, is Naomi's mother. Miss Hamm resided with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Young at 827 Beverly Avenue.

In training at Daytona Beach for service with the WAAC is Thelma Bloomstrom Vella, wife of Dr. Paul Vella. A member of the congregation of St. Matthew's Lutheran church, Mrs. Vella, is most enthusiastic about her new work, so much so, in fact, that she has told friends she "wouldn't be doing anything else right now."

Miss Jean Diebler, 22, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Allen M. Diebler, of Third Avenue, has been sworn into the WAAC and left on January 13 for Daytona Beach to begin her basic training. She is a former Bell Tele-

phone employe and expects to study communications at Daytona.

Miss Beatrice J. Frankenfield is the proud holder of a second "looie's" commission in the U. S. Army Nursing Corps. Lieut. Frankenfield, whose nursing training includes post-graduate work at the Mayo Clinic, in Rochester, Minn., and graduation from our own St. Luke's Hospital school of nursing, is taking temperatures at Camp Pickett, Va.

Another loss to St. Luke's and gain for Uncle Sam's Army Nursing Corps is the enlistment in the latter of Lucy Liggett who hails from Ashland. Nurse Liggett, before her "joining up," was the supervisory nurse in the clinic at St. Luke's. She left on January 15 for Camp Pickett, Va., station hospital. She's a St. Luke's grad, too, by the way.

If you see a pretty girl with a camera and she says "look pleasant please," it's most likely Margaret Gyorek, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Gyorek, 501 Sioux Street. Margaret has joined the WAAC and will be assigned to the photographic section. She used to be in the employ of Dave McCaa's studio, so should be a good hand at her new job.

THE MELTING POT

A motorcycle driver, Pvt. Clifford Hahn is right in his element in the army for he's reported to be riding 'em high, wide and handsome. A son of Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester Hahn, 214 Greet Street, Freemansburg, he enlisted for service. He is stationed at Camp Butner, N. C.

When Thelma Clouse announced her intention of joining the WAAC her fellow employes at the Bethlehem Silk Company planned a farewell dinner for her and, on the night of January 5, the affair came off. The Cedar Club was the scene and Miss Clouse departed on the 9th bearing the good wishes of her many friends. Her father and mother are Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Clouse, of 83 West Goepp St.

Assigned to duty from Fort Des Moines, Iowa, training center for the WAAC, is Auxiliary Mary Priblya, formerly of 831 Kieffer Street, who is now "somewhere in the northeast" at an Army post.

Staff Sgt. Sylvester Hahn, Jr., is a veteran of three years with the army. Sgt. Hahn is at Lakeland, Fla.

The family of Pvt. Ralph Krier has heard indirectly that their son has been away from this country for the past several months. He has arrived in North Africa and is fit.

Bombardier Lieut. Hector Tarquin has been transferred to Langley Field.

Pvt. Nathaniel H. Henn should make a cracker jack truck driver for Uncle Sam. Until recently he drove a bus. He is the son of Jacob Henn, 394 Main Street, Freemansburg, and was drafted into the Army on December 17, 1942. He's at Ft. Bragg, N. C.

An enlistee in the WAVES is Miss Molly Groman, graduate of Bethlehem's Liberty High school and former employee of the municipal Water Department. Miss Groman said goodbye to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William C. Groman, of 217 East Church Street, on January 18 and left for Cedar Rapids, Iowa, for her preliminary training.

Candidate Charles M. Ritter spent the Christmas holidays with his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Neil Ritter, 621 Christian Street, and during the visit his engagement to Miss Marjorie Stickney was announced.

Carlton Fink, of West Elizabeth Avenue, this city, is a private in the Army Air Corps. He is stationed at St. Petersburg, Florida, taking a course which will train him to be a gunner. Following this basic training he will be transferred to another part of the country. Carlton is quite a popular fellow with his classmates and with the people of the community.

Promoted to machinist mate, 3/c is Donald S. Foltz, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Foltz, 1411 High Street. Don saw action off the North African coast while on convoy duty during the recent invasion.

Pfc. Ellwood Wright is "somewhere in Africa." That's all.

Corp. Elwood W. Miller was among the lucky ones who got a Christmas furlough and was able to be with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred W. H. Miller, 520 Piot Avenue, for the holidays. At the expiration of his visit he was transferred to Camp Campbell, Ky.

Corp. Edward H. Gregory has been with an Ordnance company in the Panama Canal Zone for some months. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Gregory, Park Place.



COME ON NOW SOLDIER, SAILOR, LEATHERNECK, WAAC, WAVE, SPAR WRITE IN!

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We invite you, too, to tell us how you like "Stars

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If you will examine this magazine you will note there is no advertising, no syndicated material and no paid subscription list. You will find in it, however, a tremendous amount of interesting material about your sons and daughters, every bit of it gathered through the young people's organizations in our churches, by the pastors and by interested individuals.

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Griffith R. Pullinger

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