

Raines, Maynard

## ADDRESS ON LETTER LEADS TO A REUNION

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### Maynard Raines and Gephart Stiles Meet Through Chance Recognition.

How the address on a letter to a Bethlehem man in the armed forces brought together two local men "somewhere" in the fighting area was learned recently when Mr. and Mrs. Joseph H. Raines, of 254 West Fairview Street, received a letter from their son, Maynard, aviation machinist mate, first class, U. S. N. Raines is on duty in the South Pacific.

He writes of a chance encounter with an old chum, Gephart Stiles, formerly with the post office here, through Stiles recognizing his name on a letter addressed to him. Stiles is serving in the Naval Postal Service. He passed the letter on to Raines, enclosing a note telling the latter where he was located.

Raine got leave and the two visited at Stiles' post, talking over old times and coming to the conclusion, as have so many others, that "it's a small world, after all."

Recently Maynard spent a five-day furlough with his parents here, just after his return from the African invasion. Upon reporting back to duty he sailed for a then unknown destination, which has since turned out to be the South Pacific battle area.

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