

Wounded Marine Teaches Sunday School At Hellertown

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Wounded in action while landing with his men at Tarawa, Lieutenant Wells Bliss of the Marines, returned yesterday to the place he held for three years as lay reader and assistant to Dean E. G. N. Holmes at St. George's Episcopal Mission, Hellertown.

To the surprise of his many Hellertown friends who did not know he was in this country, Lieut. Bliss taught Sunday School and served at the altar during communion service.

Following his graduation from Lehigh University, class of '42, with high honors, Lieut. Bliss temporarily abandoned his ambition as candidate for the Episcopal ministry to enlist in the Marines. In November, 1943, he was shipped overseas where he hopes to return as soon as his shoulder heals.

After Sunday services Lieut. Bliss was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. George McCandless of Easton Road, where friends called, eager to hear of his experiences. Bullets, Lieut. Bliss stated, hit the water at Tarawa faster and thicker than fast falling rain drops sprinkle a puddle. A radio strapped to his shoulder saved his life by taking two of the bullets fired at him. A third lodged in his shoulder.

SERVICEMEN'S BIRTHDAYS

Saucon Valley Defenders, Township Division are celebrating the following birthdays of servicemen this week: Feb. 7, Corp. Lewis V. Hazzard, Chico, Calif; and Pvt. Earl E. Siegfried, Miami Beach, Florida.

Feb. 8, Pvt. William A. Borocky, Casper, Wyoming; Corp. John A. Batley, Ireland; Archie A. Steffen, Seaman Second Class, Little Creek, Va.

Feb. 9, Marvin R. Nixon, Fireman Third Class, in foreign class.

Feb. 11, Pvt. Warren D. Mum-bauer, Camp Pickett, Virginia.

Feb. 12, Aurelio August, Seaman Second Class, in the Pacific Theatre, Elwood Werner, Machinist Mate Third Class, in the Pacific theatre.

Feb. 13, Pvt. Charles F. Becklin, in foreign service; Pvt. Anthony Hrkch, Miami Beach, Florida.

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