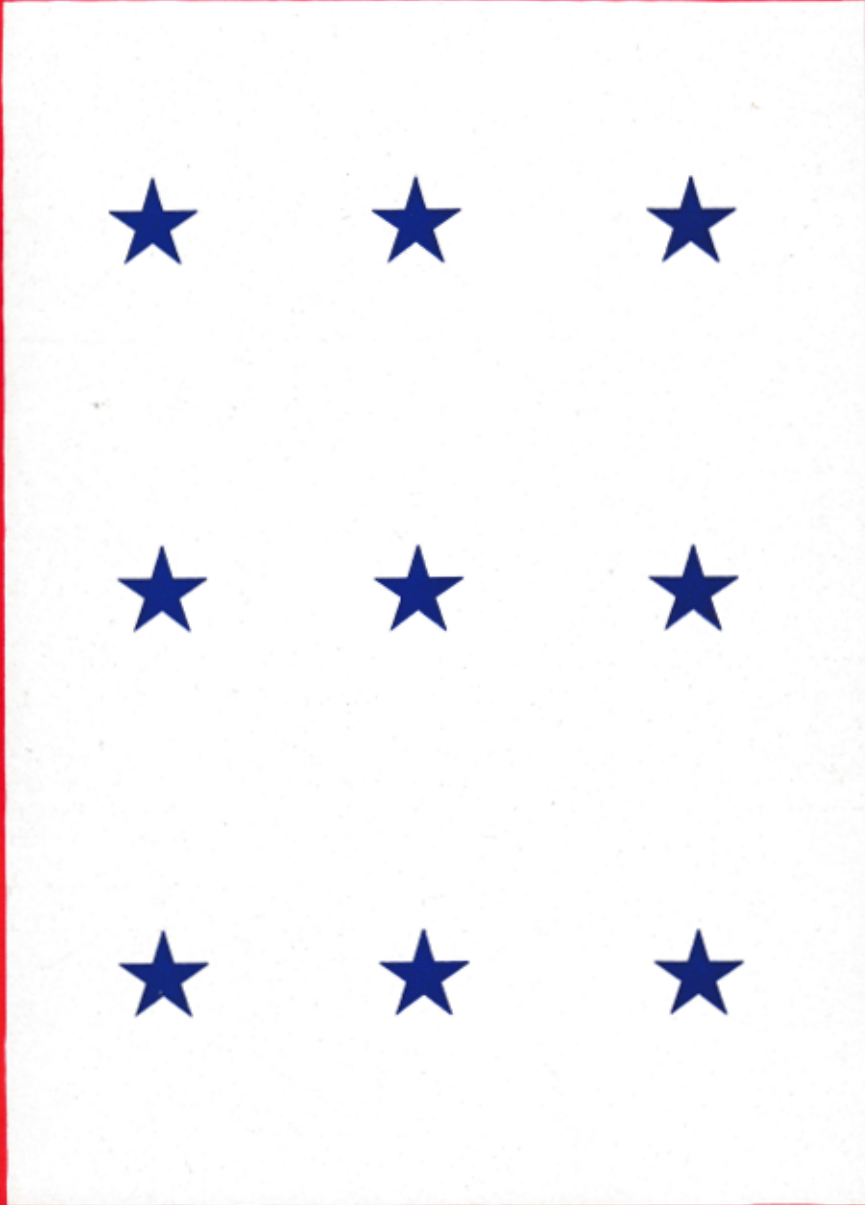


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# STARS

IN THE SERVICE

# Stars Makes A Hit — Read How The Boys Like It

\* *You good folks at home*, if you doubt that your support of Stars is worth while, read these letters from some of the lads who received copies of the first issue. First to come to hand is this one from *Paul Buchold*, stationed at the Philadelphia Navy Yard school for bakers. He writes:

"I have received your first issue of 'Stars in The Service' and I thank you. I enjoyed reading it and I think the other boys enjoyed it as much as I did. I would appreciate it very much if you could send me every edition."

\* *Here's another*, this one from *Pius J. Fritz, Jr.*, who was not on any church mailing list but evidently got the magazine from a buddy. He says, "I would like to have my name put on the 'Stars in the Service' (mailing list). I like the book a lot. It is interesting. I have found news of people whom I know. My home town is Bethlehem." Fritz is with the U. S. Navy, too.

\* *And yet another*—a note from *Pvt. John Patton*, who tells us that he "received your 'Stars in The Service' book yesterday and was very glad to receive it. It is a swell book and I hope you can continue to send it . . . (Here a few friendly criticisms) . . . Our troop is entirely motorized and I am a machine gunner and not such a bad shot. I have been in the service five months and I like it fine. Next month I expect to attend Officer Candidate school at Fort Reilly, Kansas, and am looking forward to it.

"I wish you continued success . . . I'll be waiting impatiently for it and until then I remain a friend in the service of God and country until this mess is cleaned up."

\* *Writes Frankie Ziegenfuss*, seaman second class: "I received 'Stars in The Service' and it sure was good news to find out where your friends are on duty." Frank said he had a forefinger in a splint and found it a bit hard to write!

\* *Bob Shultz*, now a lieutenant in the U. S. Navy at Boston, Mass., acknowledges receipt of his copy and says "I would enjoy receiving future copies very much." Lieut. Shultz is the Welfare, Recreation & Physical Fitness officer at the Naval Receiving Station at Boston. He formerly headed the Bethlehem city recreation set-up.

\* *A swell letter from Pvt. C. E. Stiles, Jr.*, who is at Toomah, Wis., attending radio school. He says that not only does he enjoy Stars but that men in his outfit who have no direct

interest in Bethlehem or its people have seen it and read it from cover to cover. *Lewis Schamaneck*, a fellow Christmas City soldier, read Stiles' copy, too, and has gotten a real kick out of it.

\* *Sgt. Paul D. Parry*, U. S. Marine Corps, says, "I picked up a copy of 'Stars in The Service' and think it great stuff. I'd like to get every single copy if possible." He would like to hear from some of his school chums.

\* A letter from *Lieut. John C. Worsley, D.C.*, whose picture with that of his fiance appears in this issue, tells us that he "enjoyed receiving 'Stars in The Service' very much. It gives us fellows in the ser-

vice an opportunity to know just where our buddies are and what they are doing."

\* *Pvt. William Farrell* drops a Quickie note to say: "I received your first issue of 'Stars in The Service' and appreciate it very much. It sure is good to read about the fellows and girls from the home town who are in the service. I hope it cheers everyone as much as it did me." He extends best wishes for continued success.

\* *Carstens Haas, 2nd. Lt., C.M.P.*, says "please keep the copies coming."

\* We might go on and on, for there have been hundreds of similar letters, but space does not permit. Next issue we'll print some more—maybe.

## Marching Together For Freedom

Flags! Colorful, beautiful flags, emblems of nations of men in many corners of the earth united in a common cause against a common enemy. They hang, these flags, in the nave of the Pro-Cathedral Episcopal Church of the Nativity in the town named for the birthplace of our Saviour by a pious, God-fearing people founding a new home in a strange land far from the ravages of a savage intolerance which blighted the lands where now a new and as savage intolerance rules.

These flags were blessed in a simple and moving service of consecration attended by a reverent congregation and as the words of the liturgy were said, the names of the men and women serving read, hardly a dry eye, an unmoved heart was there present.

May the day come, God willing, when these flags shall float over lands set free from tyranny. May the day come when we can say of those who died or returned shattered from the battlefields—"they have not fought in vain and we shall be worthy of the precious boon of Freedom they have preserved for us."

### UNITED NATIONS' FLAGS HANG IN NATIVITY CHURCH



Flags of the United Nations, seen here as they hang today in the nave of the Nativity Church, are the gift to the church of Mr. and Mrs. Quincy Bent. They were consecrated by The Very Reverend Roscoe Thornton Foust, dean and rector, assisted by the Reverend Theodore T. Johnson, assistant minister.

# Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us ❖ Christ Have Mercy Upon Us

## The Scripture Reading

as chosen for Stars by

The REV. MILTON A. YAECK,

Pastor of College Hill  
Moravian Church

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Ephesians

Chapter 6, Verses 10 to 18

10. Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might.

11. Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

12. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

13. Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

14. Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness;

15. And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace;

16. Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.

17. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God:

18. Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with apt perseverance and supplication for all saints.

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## LET US PRAY

**G**OD, Who art the strength of all who put their trust and confidence in Thee—we commit to Thy care, all those absent from us as they serve our country in the Armed Forces. Bless our soldiers, sailors and airmen; our chaplains, doctors and nurses, particularly those who have gone forth from this community. Support them in all danger and if it be Thy gracious will, bring them safe home. Through Jesus Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

By The Rev. Merrill M. Moore,  
Rector, Trinity Episcopal Church

A MESSAGE from the Rev. William C. Berkemeyer, Pastor of  
St. Matthew's Evangelical Lutheran Church

THE TEXT:—"Beat your ploughshares into swords and your pruning-hooks into spears."—(Joel. 3:10)

"And they shall beat their swords into ploughshares and their spears into pruninghooks."—(Micah 4:3b)

THE MESSAGE:—Both these words of the Old Testament prophets must remind you of Bethlehem. Joel's call speaks of the Bethlehem you know so well, the Bethlehem which is literally and energetically "Beating ploughshares into swords" so that you may be able to subdue the armed might of the foe. Micah's words should recall to you that Bethlehem of the ancient East, and the eternal promise that shines from it: that men shall again be able to "beat their swords in ploughshares" when all mankind unites in singing: "Glory to God in the Highest; and on earth, peace to men of good will."

We of the newer Bethlehem you know best have seen you go forth beneath the harsh necessity to beat your own peace-loving spirits into hard and sharp human weapons of war. Our hopes and prayers for you are that your spirits may not be so hardened with hates and broken with violence and the sight of it, as to prevent their being beaten back into useful ploughshares of peace.

May your devotion to the Kingdom of justice and good will for all men and your daily life with the Divine leader of that cause, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, not only give you courage and strength to fight for the right, but also keep your minds and hearts in the peace that passeth understanding.

## LAST TAPS

\* *Last Taps* has been sounded for Stephen Ritoper, 28, son of Sandor and Mary Ritoper, 739 Evans Street, who was killed in action on February first somewhere in North Africa. The young soldier's parents were notified March 1 by the War Department.

Ritoper enlisted in the U. S. Army on March 11, 1941 and held the grade of technician fifth class.

Impressive Memorial services were held for him on March 7 in St. John's Windish Evangelical Lutheran Church at both the Windish and English services, the Rev. Dr. Ernest A. Stiegler, pastor, in charge. Members of the H. F. W. Johnson Post, American Legion, attended the English rites.

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"Soldier, rest! thy warfare o'er  
Sleep the sleep that knows not  
breaking;  
Dream of battled fields no more,  
Days of danger, nights of waking.  
"Think not of the rising sun,  
For at dawning to assail ye,  
Here no bugles sound reveillé."

Sir Walter Scott  
"Lady of the Lake."

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May the words of my mouth and  
the meditations of my heart be  
always acceptable in thy sight, O Lord,  
my Strength and my Redeemer.

## HYMN

Our God, our Help in ages past,  
Our Hope for years to come;  
Our Shelter from the stormy blast,  
And our eternal Home!

Under the shadow of Thy throne  
Thy saints have dwelt secure;  
Sufficient is Thine arm alone,  
And our defence is sure.

Before the hills in order stood,  
Or earth received her frame,  
From everlasting Thou art God,  
To endless years the same.

Thy word commands our flesh to dust:  
"Return, ye sons of men;"  
All nations rose from earth at first,  
And turn to earth again.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream,  
Bears all its sons away;  
They fly forgotten, as a dream  
Dies at the opening day.

Like flowery fields the nations stand,  
Pleased with the morning light;  
The flowers beneath the mower's hand  
Lie withering ere 'tis night.

Our God, our Help in ages past,  
Our Hope for years to come,  
Be Thou our Guard while troubles  
last,  
And our eternal Home!

Watts, 1719.

# SALEM LUTHERAN "SEXTET" ANSWERS CALL TO ARMS, CHUMS LEAVE TO JOIN CRUSADE FOR LIBERTY OF MAN

## MAN ABOUT TOWN

By Charles H. Herrold, Jr.

The names most frequently mentioned these days in Bethlehem are: MAYOR ROBERT PFEIFLE, EUGENE G. GRACE, R. A. LEWIS, HAROLD B. FARQUHAR, DR. W. N. SCHWARZE, DR. C. C. WILLIAMS, WILLIAM SHERIDAN, JOHN BUTLER. Breathes there anyone from Bethlehem who doesn't know those names and the job that the bearer of each performs?—Sudden death of GEORGE HOBAN (of a heart attack February 2) removed a man whose name promised to be a household byword wherever Lehigh football was discussed.

Four names will live as long as Bethlehem: COUNT NICHOLAS ZINZENDORF, who named the city; ASA PACKER, of Lehigh Valley Railroad and Lehigh University fame; CHARLES M. SCHWAB, who created Bethlehem Steel; DR. J. FRED WOLLE, founder of the Bach Choir.

The name most frequently in the local newspaper is MAYOR PFEIFLE, which is natural because he is the head of this Bethlehem family of upwards of sixty thousand members.—Three members of his official family, ROBERT A. HINKLE and GEORGE J. RUYAK, councilmen, and EARLE E. SCHAFFER, treasurer, will be candidates to succeed themselves in the autumn elections.

Short hits: EDWIN F. VANBILLIARD, director of the Bethlehem Boys Club, goes to Boston as assistant director of boys' club work there.—JOHN SCHWEDER completes his first year as city fire chief.—JOHN GRIFFITH performs outstanding piece of leadership as president of Bethlehem Tobacco Club.—LT. COL. W. R. COYLE directs distribution of gas masks and fire-fighting equipment as Civilian Defense becomes ever stronger.

Bethlehem's churches and their congregations are rendering a magnificent service on the home front. The flock of REV. DR. E. A. STIEGLER, St. John's Windish Lutheran, sent a check for \$2,000 for war needs to President Roosevelt. The REV. DR. KENNETH HAMILTON, Moravian minister, arranged the National Brotherhood Week program when RUSSELL K. LAROS, HUGH P. McFADDEN and MILTON B. RISKIN, a Protestant, Catholic and Jew, explained their respective viewpoints, all supporting the idea of the brotherhood of man.

\* Pictured here is the "Salem Sextet," six boys from Salem Lutheran Church who left for induction into the Army in a group. All were active in the doings of the younger element at Salem and all are keenly missed, for their going has made a "dent" in the ranks of the young folks. From left to right, they are, kneeling, Lea Arnold, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lea

Arnold; Harold Gradwohl, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Gradwohl, and Wilbur Hoffert, son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Hoffert, Sr.; standing, Thomas Hensinger, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hensinger; William Gieske, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Gieske, Sr., and Harold Ziegenfuss,

FOR GOD AND COUNTRY



son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Ziegenfuss. Arnold and Ziegenfuss are at Atlantic City, N. J., Gradwohl is at Camp Croft, S. C., and Gieske is in Arkansas. Hoffert and Hensinger are at Kearns, Utah. Most of the six expect to be in new camps shortly, possibly before Stars is on the press.

\* *Buddies in school* and buddies in the service of their country—that's Walter S. Danner, Jr., the sailor, and Frank Kammetler, the soldier, smiling at you from the picture. The two grew up together and went to school together; played ball and knocked around the gridiron together, but when it came to picking their branch of the service, Danner chose the Navy, Kammetler the Army. Danner is a yeoman second class and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Danner, 334 East North Street. He enlisted in May of 1941 and is now stationed at the Philadelphia Navy Yard.

Kammetler is the son of Mrs. T. Kammetler, 321 East Raspberry Street. He went to high school with Walter. Both are 24 years old. They attended St. John's Evangelical church. Kammetler is stationed at Washington, D. C. He enlisted May 17, 1941.



## ROMANCE, INC.



\* New York's famous Little Church Around The Corner was the scene of a pretty wedding on February 25 when Miss Myrtle N. Kildare, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold J. Kildare, 425 Heckwelder Place, became the bride of Lieut. Ralph Clausen, U. S. N., of Winona, Wis. The Rev. C. A. Weatherby performed the ceremony.

Miss Winifred Kildare, sister of the bride, was bridesmaid and Mr. Kildare gave his daughter in marriage. Mr. W. E. Blair, of New York City was Lieut. Clausen's best man.

A reception was held at the Hotel Pierre, New York City, after the ceremony.

Lieut. Clausen is stationed at Washington, D. C. with the Navy Department.

\* The marriage of Miss Alice Farenwald, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Farenwald, 2104 Sycamore Street, to Lieut. Charles A. Skibo, U. S. Army, son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Skibo, also of this city, was solemnized on February 20 at 10 a. m. in St. John's Episcopal Church, Bethesda, Md. The Rev. Joseph E. Williams tied the knot.

There were no attendants, the ceremony being witnessed by a few relatives and friends. A reception in the Embassy Room of the Hotel Statler, Washington, D. C. followed.

Lieut. Skibo is a recent graduate of the Officer Candidate school for the Coast Artillery at Fort Monroe, Va.

\* Stars' Introductory Issue has brought some interesting notes, among them one from Captain William Burton Todd, stationed at Camp Gordon, Ga. with the Infantry. Captain Todd tells us he was married on December 6, 1942 to Miss Mary Chestnut, of Doylestown, Pa. Although several months behind time, Stars extends felicitations and best wishes for a happy wedded life.

Captain Todd received his present rank on January 11, 1941. Right now, he says, his outfit is training in commando tactics and the use of a potent secret weapon. He is a graduate of Lehigh, Class of '40 and was a graduate assistant in English there in 1941. He is well-known to Nativity Young People's Fellowship members and was a member of the famed Bach Choir from 1936 to '41.

\* Richard Reese is enjoying the Southern hospitality so much that he is going to take as a bride a "certain young nurse at Deaconess Hospital, Louisville, Ky., when that 'sartin' sweet somebody" (as Lil Abner would say) is through training. Happy days, Dick. Pvt. Reese enlisted in June of '42 and received both basic and special training at Fort Knox. On De-

ember 9 he was transferred to Camp Campbell, Ky. and is in the headquarters of the Armored division.

\* Announcement of the engagement of Lieut. John C. W. Worsley, son of Dr. and Mrs. Norvin A. Worsley, 320 West Packer Avenue, and Miss Florence Gretchen Iehle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Franklin B. Iehle, of Delaware Road, Riegelsville, Pa. has been made by Miss Iehle's parents. No date has been set for the wedding.

Miss Iehle is a graduate of Easton High school and of the University of



Pennsylvania School of Oral Hygiene. She is dental hygienist in the offices of Dr. N. A. Worsley. Her fiancé is a graduate of Liberty High school, attended Lehigh University and graduated at the University of Pennsylvania Dental School. He is stationed at Camp Shelby, Miss.

## HOW STARS STARTED

\* Possibly you readers would like to know how Stars came to be started, and why; how it is supported and by whom, and how it is distributed.

It's not much of a story as storys go. The idea was born in a basement—literally, for Ye Ed. served on a Civilian Defense group with Alvan Brown, C. E. Hinkle and Sam. Helms each Monday morning in a room below ground and in the course of time the idea germinated, incubated and hatched out—with the help of some of the other volunteers and a similar magazine from the Slate Belt section.

Groups of young people in various churches contributed news, greetings were arranged for, the postoffice seen about mailing rules, and the printer bedeviled into estimates and free advice.

A bonanza was uncovered in the person of Florian Deppe, skilled in magazine layout and, after some toil and moil, the engraver turned out the cuts and the printer the type matter and, before you know it, Stars was a reality.

## HOW'S YOUR HEART?

\* Somebody passed the following bit of poetry on to us one day with the suggestion that it might fit into the job Stars is trying to do. He didn't know who wrote it, only that some lonely soldier who'd been waiting for the letter from his sweetheart that never came had scribbled it on a piece of paper and sent it home from his far away post.

### IF MY SWEETHEART DOESN'T WRITE

There's a reason for a fellow  
Being far away from home  
There's a destiny that guides him  
Everywhere that he may roam.  
Though in roaming he is happy  
Still he knows no keen del'ght  
He is like a man forgotten  
If his Sweetheart doesn't write.  
It is true that while he wanders  
Her's is a faithful heart  
Silent in her lonely misery  
Since she saw her man depart.  
Knowing that his will to have her  
Is a lonesome, painful plight  
Knowing that the fears that haunt  
him

When his Sweetheart doesn't  
write.  
As he wanders down life's path  
Everday another mile  
All the world has lost its sunshine  
Mother Nature's lost her smile.  
Can't you see this man so lonely  
As he spends a sleepless night  
Asking of the God above him  
Why his Sweetheart doesn't  
write.

It's to you I write, my darling,  
It's to you I send this plea  
For you know I love you truly  
And I hold you dear to me.  
Just a note from you beloved  
Makes the darkest day seem  
bright  
And I'm praying every minute  
That my Sweetheart soon will  
write.

## DECLARATION

Stars in The Service is a non-profit, purely hometown publication. It is supported entirely through voluntary contributions and is mailed to all men and women from Bethlehem and nearby communities whose names are listed on church service rosters.

If your buddies are not receiving their copies, tell each of them to write to his pastor and suggest that his congregation participate in the project.

Griffith R. Pullinger  
Editor

1300 Main St., Bethlehem

## NEW CUT STYLE

Curtalement of supplies of metal for engraving cuts, plus the high cost of engraving, etc., has caused Stars to adopt a new style. Instead of having each picture made up singly, the majority will be made up in groups of two, three or more and are, individually considerably smaller than formerly used. This enables us to use more pictures and cut our costs, as well as to be patriotic and save vital materials. We know you will understand. (Editor)



# THE NAVY IN HOME WATERS

"Fleet's In — Every Man For Himself"

★ **Ensign Harry W. LaRose, Jr.** is working hard at the Naval Training school at Harvard University.

★ **Fred Keeler** is learning how to box the compass and tie square knots at the Newport, R. I. training station.

★ **Robert Scheetz**, seaman first class, is now in submarine training at New London, Conn. He transferred to the sub service after being ordered to report to Norfolk, Va. following the sinking of the transport Tasker H. Bliss off Casablanca in landing operations which opened the battle for Africa. Bob hoped to get a short furlough at the same time his brother, J. Richard Scheetz, was home from Great Lake's Training Station.

Dick received his eagle as a gun-

★ **Edward Pursell**, son of Mrs. Margaret Pursell, and the late Clyde K. Pursell, of 210 West Goepf Street, has been advanced to seaman second class. He enlisted on December 8 and trained at Bainbridge, Md., Naval Station. He is now at Newport, R. I., where he is attending Yoeman School. A graduate of Liberty High School, he was employed by the C. K. Pursell Transportation Company before "joining up."

★ *You wouldn't know this chap now in his Navy "blues."* He's **William R. Fritz**, apprentice seaman, Bainbridge, Md. It doesn't take long to make a real tar out of the neophytes down at Bainbridge. Fritz enlisted in the U. S. N. R. on December 12, 1942. His proud mother, Mrs. Mark Fritz, of 930 Delaware Avenue, informs us that "the boys around the store always called him 'Porthole Bill' as he always was saying how he'd be a sailor some day. Now I guess," Mrs.

come lieutenant senior grade. He is in Washington, D. C.

★ **Lieut. (j. g.) William Green**, U. S. N. R. former faculty member of Liberty High School, left March 7 for six weeks basic training at Dartmouth College. Following this he will go to Princeton for further training.

★ **LeRohn D. Deysher**, Musician 2nd class, son of Mrs. Maurice A. Deysher, 1436 Center Street, has been a sailor boy since June 8, 1942. "Bud" is a graduate of Liberty High School and was a cornet tooter in both the School Band and Municipal Band, and now he is tooting a-plenty at the U. S. Navy School of Music, as well as participating in chorus work at the same institution. Before his enlistment he was President of the Intermediate C. E. of Zion Evangelical and Reformed Church, Bethlehem for a number of years. He was employed as a Recorder at the Bethlehem Steel Co. "Bud's" sister 2nd Lt. Grace B. Deysher Wilder is serving Uncle Sam somewhere in the Pacific area.

★ **Nevin S. Beehler**, S 2/c., graduated March 19, just two days after St. Patrick's Day, from the U. S. Naval Hospital Training School at Great Lakes, Ill. and is already receiving further training at some other place. Before his enlistment November 10, 1942, he was a student at the Moody Bible Institute, Chicago, Ill. Nevin enjoys vocalizing and has been singing with the Naval Choir at Great Lakes during his training period.

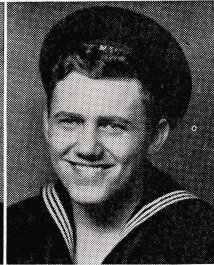
★ An "old salt," is how Ensign Royce M. Masteller describes himself for Stars. He enjoys his Navy work and expects his wife, the former Katherine Zimmerman, of Nuremberg, Pa. whom he married last October 24, to join him at the Navy Base at Mayport, Fla. in June. Ensign Masteller is a graduate of the U. S. Naval Academy at Annapolis and of Cornell University. He taught mathematics and science at Nitschmann Junior high before his enlistment on May 15, last. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. George J. Masteller, live at 647 Washington Avenue.



Masteller



Deysher



Beehler



Toth

ner and hopes to go to school for advanced training. He was home over a week-end recently, but little was seen of him because he arrived at 4 p. m. Saturday and left at noon on Sunday to entrain at Philadelphia for Chicago, where he had to be on deck Monday morning. He is a former president of Trinity Y. P. F.

★ **Edward L. Wasser**, HA 1/c, was home recently on a short furlough from the U. S. Marine Corps base at New River, N. C.

★ **James E. Gross, Jr.**, S. 2/c, is going to college. He's at the University of Chicago for a course in radio and signal work with the U. S. Navy, and when he has finished his sixteen weeks of training he'll be as good as they come, and probably better. Jimmy enlisted on his seventeenth birthday, October 5, 1942 and was accepted at Philadelphia on the sixth. He went to Bainbridge, Md. on the 19 and took his basic work there.

★ **Lieut. C. Millard Dodson**, U. S. N. R. recently spent a shore leave with his family here. His present whereabouts is unknown.

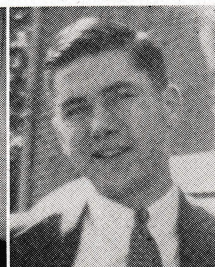
Fritz says, "we can tack that handle on him for keeps."

★ **John Toth**, seaman 2/c, 21-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. John Toth, 658 Clearfield Street, Freemansburg is completing a 16-week course in aviation mechanics at Great Lake's Training Station, Ill. He took his basic training there, too, after enlisting in the Navy on September 17, 1942. He is a well-known soccer player in Bethlehem, having booted the leather with the Steel City team. Johnnie also played pro baseball with the Wagnersville team for four years.

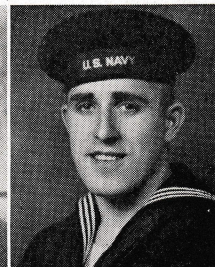
★ **Lieut. Neil Carothers, Jr.**, has be-



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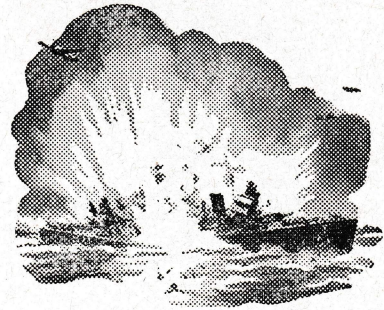
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# THE NAVY AT SEA

"All Hands To Battle Stations"



\*A real veteran of the sea war is Richard "Dick" Kresge, quartermaster second class. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Kresge, 403 East Broad Street, Dick enlisted in the Navy shortly after his graduation from Liberty High school in 1939. He's seen plenty of action since then, having served on the Iceland patrol, in the Coral Sea and Midway battles and is a survivor of the sinking of the U.S.S. Vincennes. Now he is on a brand new ship. He celebrated his 23rd birthday on February 2. His friends in the First Moravian church wish him luck in the days that lie ahead.

\*Shipshape and a-taunto is Richard Buckfeller, seaman second class in the U. S. Navy and now somewhere on the high seas. It's safe to remark that the lass who loves this sailor is getting a pretty swell parcel done up in his blues. He's been in the navy a year, having enlisted in January of 1942. His home is at 504 Lehigh Avenue and he is the son of Mrs. Mary Simons.

\*Dabbling his toes in the warm South Pacific waters, Troy Ruth, electrician's mate 2/c, has finally let his folks at home know of his present whereabouts. He writes that he's sitting under the palms at Ile Nou, New Caledonia, keeping a weather eye open for Napping Nips. Troy told his family he got 40 letters and seven packages all in one day and felt like opening up a corner grocery store under the big cocoanut tree at the crossroads. Last time he was home he spent a five-day Thanksgiving furlough giving the old town the once over. He enlisted in the U. S. Naval Reserve and was called up on September 20, 1942. After four weeks of training at Camp Allen, Norfolk, Va. he was sent to Gulfport, Miss. and placed in a special detachment. After that he was sent to sea duty and arrived at his present base about December 26. He describes the countryside as very beautiful and has asked his Dad to send him some salt water fishing equipment. During his employment by the Roller-Smith company as a draughtsman he was quite a

fishing fan.

\*The dog's name isn't given, but the gob is Rahyl Ocock, S. 2/c, U. S. N. R., gunner aboard a destroyer somewhere in the Atlantic tracking "pigboats" to their doom. Seaman Ocock enlisted in the Navy on July 23, 1942 and received his boot training at Newport, R. I. Not content with his new estate, he espoused a wife, Geraldine Smith, of 433 East North Street, from whom Stars received this information and a very nice letter of commendation, too—thank you. After his furlough (and the wedding) he was sent to Norfolk, Va. and assigned to a ship for active duty. Seaman Ocock was a birthday celebrant March 28 — but where we can't say. Now if he can hug a

ma on first trip. Now his destination is unknown. A lover of football, Otto probably enjoys the thought of using the Axis for the pigskin.

\*Lieut. J. Stoddard Martin, U.S. N.R., son of Alderman and Mrs. W Fay Martin, Wall Street, has left the West Coast for parts unknown to do Naval construction work. He had previously supervised similiar operations in San Francisco, Portland and Tillamook, the latter two places in



Moses

Ocock

Schoener

Ruth

purp with so much gusto, think how much more of a hug he has in reserve for wifey!

\*Lieut. (j. g.) V. H. Moses, U.S.N. is somewhere in the Pacific doing patrol duty. He is the Senior Officer in the Detachment Command of a Navy Section Base. Recently he initiated a recreation program for his men and is enjoying this phase of his duties very much.

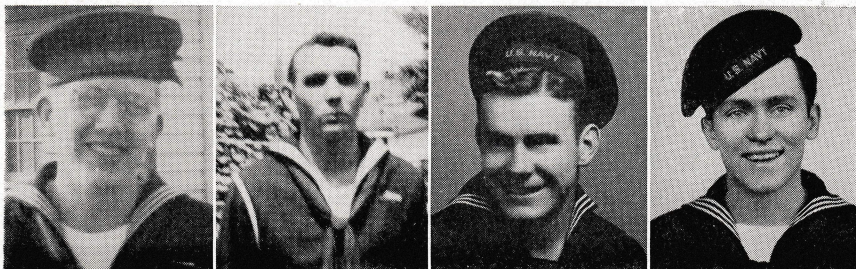
\*Now on the bounding billows singing the "Oceana Roll" is Otto R. J. Schoener, member of the Merchant Marine. He is the son of Mrs. W. and the late Robert Schoener and celebrated his 22nd birthday on February 17. Otto trained at Hoffman Island, one of the MM training centers, and studied engineering after five months of schooling. He left in January and sailed to Cuba and Pana-

Oregon. 'Frisco, of course is still in California.

\*We hear that Ensign Benjamin F. McMahon now is in command of a PT. boat in the Solomon Islands area and is, at last reports, safe after being engaged in the major battles with the "Tokyo Express" which fore-stalled the Jap's most recent bid to retake bases in the area now held by the Yanks.

\*Vernon E. Ebeling, known as "Pete" to most of his friends, has been made fireman second class aboard his ship. He is on duty in Pacific waters and has been at sea since he completed his basic training last September. He celebrated his birthday March 6. He is the son of Mrs. Wilbur Heft, 32 Washington Avenue.

\*Somewhere on the wide, dark waters of the dangerous Atlantic is Truman Frey, Jr., petty officer second class, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Frey, 1026 North Center Street, who last heard from their son at Galveston, Texas. Truman enlisted in the Navy last May 19, took his basic at Newport, R. I., his advanced at Portsmouth, N. H., was sent successively to Solomon Branch, Va., Norfolk, Va. and Galveston, Texas and on a training cruise to South America. He's 23 years old.

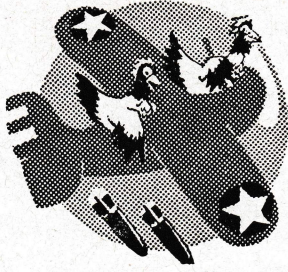


Frey

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Kresge

Meek



# THE NAVY IN THE AIR

*Tojo's Chickens Come Home To Roost*

WINGS OVER THE WATERS

## PEOPLE TELL US

By Carroll Cool

This reporter trudged around the other day to interview Mrs. William V. Brader, mother of three sons in the service and with two more at home she "is willing to send if Uncle Sam needs them." One, Richard, enlisted in the Marines over two years ago and, "it seems," she told us, "that the group he is with caught a young pig and trained it like a dog. The animal has grown now and the question is, what to do with him?" (how 'bout spare ribs and sauerkraut?)

Brother Stanley also joined the Marines when Richard did, and is now a sergeant. He has seen action on Guadalcanal and has been in many parts of the world. He met Dick Kresge and Gephart Stiles when in the Pacific area.

"Young Bill," Mrs. Brader said, went into the army on Feb. 26 of this year. Like his two brothers, he was an active athlete. He attended Admiral Farragut Academy and Bucknell University.

(Pictures of Dick and Stan appear under With the Leathernecks, that of Bill with The Army on The Home Loam.)

News of Capt. Samuel Shireman comes to us from his wife, the former Alice Foltz, of this city. He holds his commission in the Air Force and received his Silver Wings at Columbus, Miss.

Mrs. Harvey Weaver proudly tells of three sons in service and another two who may go. "I may lose all my sons in this war," she declared, "but I keep my chin up and write only encouraging letters." The sons serving are Herbert, Frank and Roy. Richard served a year and received a medical discharge. Bob and Jim are still at home.

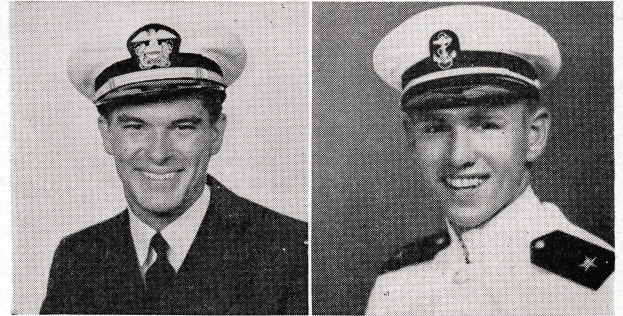
Herbert is now in North Africa with an anti-aircraft unit; Frank is a seaman second class at Quartermaster School, Newport, R. I., and Roy is a corporal, as is Herbert.

A letter from a Marine at the front says that the boys lack mail. Have you answered your son's last letter?

This column salutes Mrs. Mary Ritopar, who made the supreme sacrifice when her son was killed in action.

\* At last reports Aviation Cadet **Harold J. Suess**, U.S.N.A.S., son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Suess, 814 Washington Avenue, is at Pensacola, Fla. He enlisted last July 8 and was first at the University of Chapel Hill, N. C., and then in October was sent to Memphis, Tenn. From there he was sent to his present station. Up here the wintry winds do blow, but way down thar a feller can wear his whites come high water or low.

\* On Friday, March 12, **Charles T. Edwards** was graduated as an Ensign



**Laurence Naegley** (left) and **Harold Suess** (right) typify the Navy spirit.

in the U. S. Naval Air Corps at Barin Field, Pensacola, Fla. Moreover, the day was also his father's birthday, so he had double cause for celebration. Ensign Edwards now goes to Miami for further training.

## THE PARATROOPS

\* **Lieut. Edwin Schrader** liked the idea of tumbling head first from a plane so well that he got himself transferred from the infantry to the paratroopers. Now he's at Fort Benning, Ga. and having the time of his life. Aside from some stiffness in his joints, he's doing fine.

\* **Pvt. Ernest Messicks** is another Bethlehemite who gets up in the world and then takes a header through the atmosphere, all in the line of duty. Ernie, whose birthday was on March 8, is a full-fledged graduate of Uncle Sam's school for the parachute infantry and now wears his wings with pardonable pride. Says



**Pvt. Ernest Messicks**

he, of the gang: "I wouldn't take any other branch of the service since I got my wings, because there is nothing to compare with the Parachute Infantry." Pvt. Messicks is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank G. Messicks, 632 Laufer Avenue. He has a brother, Frank, in the Merchant Marine.

## Gifts Acknowledged

\* Stars acknowledges with thanks the generosity of numerous friends, whose friendly interest has helped to make possible its publication. Special gifts were received from: The Fountain Hill Post, American Legion; Lt. Col. and Mrs. William Radford Coyle, Miss Anne L. Mertz, Miss Nellie Bush, Mrs. Lipsky, Arthur Foltz, William J. Birk, Miss Naamah Yearick, Fred McCready, Salem Lutheran Church, Red Cross sewing group, Allen Steager, Mrs. A. O. Frankenfield, The Rev. Walter Mason, Miss Laura Ritter, Miss Grace Overdorf, and Mrs. S. C. Vary.

\* Cited for extraordinary devotion to duty, **Thomas Litrenta** proudly displays his corporal's stripes plus the "T", received after he and five other mechanics worked all night on repairs to a motor convoy in order that it might move in the morning. Corp. Litrenta, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Litrenta, 828 Center Street, and prior to induction into the Army he was employed by Ray Rapp.



# WITH THE LEATHERNECKS

"To The Shores of Tripoli"

\* Here's a line or two about a chap from the edge of the "coal cracker" country, *Corp. William H. Bellhorn, Jr.* Corp. Bellhorn hails from Mauch Chunk but used to work at the Union Bank on the South Side in Bethlehem. He roomed at 514 Wyandotte Street and used to attend Lenten services at St. Peter's Lutheran church. Corp. Bellhorn enlisted in the Marines in August of 1942 and trained at Parris Island, S. C. His present station is at Quantico, Va., where he is in the office of the post paymaster. Must be good at figures!

\* Where he is just now is something only the fellows who march

proceed at High School and later at Penn State, where he was a soccer player and on the wrestling teams. At Liberty he was P.I.A.A. champ in the heavyweights.

\* *Corp. Grover Trumbower* is now an acting sergeant and is located at San Francisco, Calif. His work is of such secret nature that his letters are confined to extolling the beauties of "this city set on seven hills."

\* Maybe the following snatches from a letter written by Ralph E. Miller to his homefolks will give the laundries in the U. S. A. something to think about. Ralph writes: "Dear Mother and Dad; Well, my address



\* *Dick Angerman*, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Angerman, 933 East Fifth Street, was also set for graduation in June. He received his elementary education in the Holy Ghost parochial school. His buddy, Joe Malatesta, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Malatesta, 512 Third Avenue. Joe went to Nitschmann Junior High before his days at Liberty.

\* *Captain Harry K. Trend* (the handle is still so new the polish is not worn off) is doing recreational work among the men on desert maneuvers and enjoys it. He makes his headquarters at Mojave, Calif.



Gower

Klase

R. Brader

E. Brader

and fight with him know, but *Pfc. Arlan Klase* is certain to be doing his bit with a vengeance in whatever situation he finds himself. Although only 19, he is a seasoned warrior. He enlisted in the Corps on July 2, 1941 while in the State of Washington. He trained at San Diego, Calif., and when last heard of was at Sea School, Camp Elliott, near San Diego. He's ready for combat duty; in fact, may be in a combat zone now for all we know. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Klase, 1329 High Street.

\* *Pvt. James Venninger*, known as "Pete," has finished his training at Parris Island with the Marines. He is expected home very soon and then after his furlough will be transferred.

\* *Pfc. Russell W. Gower*, U.S.M.C. is celebrating his 21st birthday at this writing. He is somewhere overseas with his fellow Devil Dogs.

\* *Sgt. Charles F. Horvath*, Marine Corps instructor in Jiu Jitsu at the training base in California, was spotted by his friends here when the film, "These are the Marines," was shown at the College theatre. In the picture Charlie and an instructor were putting on a bout, the latter supposed to be throwing the local leatherneck. Charlie turned the tables, however, and the instructor hit the deck. Sports fans in Bethlehem will remember Charlie Horvath, both from his

has been changed again. The natives here do our washing for us, but instead of washing the clothes, they beat them with sticks so that the duds don't last very long." No wonder!

\* *Four chums* in Bethlehem's Liberty High school who are now getting set to do their part in parting the Axis partners are Joseph Groeger, third from the left in the accompanying picture; Richard Angerman, second in the group; Joseph Malatesta, first and Thomas R. Horner, at the right. The four were seniors at BHS prior to enlistment. Horner is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Russell C. Horner, 616 Main Street.

\* *Groeger*, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Groeger, 638 Ninth Street, would have graduated in June of this year but, under the new system whereby if a senior has three and one-half years of work completed or the equivalent of 70 credits, he will receive his diploma.

## Those Who Helped

Nine Bethlehem churches participated in the initial steps which made the Introductory Issue of Stars a reality. Through the interest and wholehearted cooperation of their pastors, their young people's groups and the individual members of their congregations, news and pictures were supplied, lists of service men made available and home distribution centers set up.

These nine churches are St. Peter's Lutheran, the Rev. Dr. Corson C. Snyder, pastor; Nativity Episcopal, the Very Rev. Roscoe T. Foust, dean and rector; Trinity Episcopal, The Rev. Merrill Miles Moore, rector; St. Matthew's Lutheran, the Rev. William C. Berkemeyer, pastor; Salem Lutheran, the Rev. Dr. G. Franklin Gehr, pastor; Christ Reformed, Free-

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Malatesta

Angerman

Groeger

Horner



# THEIRS ARE THE MINISTERING HANDS

"STARS" Pays Homage To Our Gallant Nurses

\* A cablegram was recently received by Mrs. Maurice A. Deysher, 1436 Center Street, that her daughter, 2nd Lt. Grace B. Deysher Wilder, had arrived at her destination somewhere in the Pacific area. She enlisted for foreign duty with the 20th General Hospital Unit, leaving Philadelphia May 15, 1942 for Camp Claiborne, La. Prior to her enlistment Lieut. Deysher served as a Private Duty Nurse at the Bryn Mawr Hospital, Bryn Mawr, Penna. While at Camp Claiborne, along with the beautiful Louisiana moon, came romance which culminated into marriage with Lieut. George F. Wilder, Jr. of New York City on December 19, 1942. After the war there will be no dispute as to the head of the family as George is a First Lieutenant and Gracie a Second Lieutenant. Her brother, LeRohn D. Deysher, is a Musician second class at the U. S. Navy School of Music, Washington, D. C.

\* It won't be long until 2nd Lieut. Kathryn A. Sandt, A.N.C., has been in the service a year. She entered last July 28—and time does fly. At present she is stationed at Station Hospital, Fort Jackson, S. C., where she was recently transferred from Ft. Eustis, Va., to which she was originally sent on July 31.

Lieut. Sandt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Sandt, 1206 West North Street, is a graduate of Liberty High, class of '34; of Flora Stone Mather Woman's College of Western Reserve University, 1939, and of the Florence Payne Bolton School of Nursing at Western Reserve, Cleveland. After graduation she was employed by the Cleveland Visiting Nurse Association. Upon enlistment in the A.N.C. she became a member of the 33rd General Hospital Unit, to which she still belongs. She is a member of Salem Lutheran church.

\* Another Salemite in service is 2nd.

Lieut. Beatrice J. Frankenfield, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Frankenfield, 1022 North Center Street. Lieut. Frankenfield was commissioned in the A.N.C. on January 15 of this year and is presently stationed at Station Hospital, Camp Pickett, Va. She is a graduate of Liberty High school and of the school of nursing at St. Luke's Hospital. Upon graduation at St. Luke's, Lieut. Frankenfield took post-graduate work at the Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minn., in surgical nursing.

\* Lieut. E. Arline Bernhardt, A.N.C., is working hard these days. Stationed at Atlantic City, N. J., she is putting in twelve hours of duty out of 24, instead of the eight to which she was formerly accustomed. So she has very little free time; in fact, she has been home to visit her family at 329 Sixth Avenue for just 24 hours in the last five months. In addition to her regular duties in the hospital, there are classes which she must attend.

\* *Iceland* is the little spot on the globe where 2nd. Lieut. *Eleanor Roman*, Army Air Corps nurse, is stationed. There, on that gale-swept bit of terrain, she carries on the work begun by Florence Nightingale in the dark days of the bloody Crimean war, when England's sons lay dying amid scenes of indescribable horror. Nurse Roman graduated at the Allentown General on May 10, 1940 and was the first graduate nurse from that institution to be called for active army nursing service since the days of World War I. She left on March 7, 1941 for Langley Field, Va., was stationed there three months, moved to Fort Dix, N. J. and in September went to Iceland, where she has been for the past year and a half. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John J. Roman, Bethlehem R. D. 3, and a member of St. Peter's Lutheran church.

\* *We had two swell pictures of Lieut. Dorothy B. Lewry* given us by her mother, Mrs. Raymond R. Stauffer, of Northampton R. D. 1, and it was tough to choose. Mrs. Stauffer brought them to the house, just too late for the first issue.

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Reading from top to bottom, to right: Lieuts. Roman, Lewry, Goth, Wilder, Frankenfield, Sandt, Bernhardt.



# THE AUXILIARY SERVICES

*Every Lass Let's A Fighter Fight!*

\* *Aux. Naomi M. Blead* of the WAAC is attending the Midland Radio School at Kansas City, Mo., having completed basic training at Fort Des Moines, Iowa. She is the daughter of Mrs. Linford Blead, 113 East Garrison Street.

\* *Laura Richter*, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Richter, 434 Heckwelder Place, has been sworn into the WAAC on February 12 and left March 17 for Fort Oglethorpe. She is a graduate of Bethlehem High school and was formerly employed in the Coffee Shop of the Hotel Bethlehem.

\* *Awaiting a call to service* with the WAAC, Marion Halleman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Halleman, 608 Fiot Avenue, has been pretty well pepped up over the idea of answering the bugle's call. She was sworn in on March 3. She attended Fountain Hill High school and Bethlehem Business College.

\* *Joining with her brother* in this fight for freedom, Miss Frances Carcione, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Basil Carcione, Huntingdon Avenue, recently enlisted in the WAAC and is awaiting her orders for basic training. Miss Carcione graduated at Liberty High and Bethlehem Business College. She is treasurer of the Young People's Fellowship of Trinity Episcopal church and has long been active in doings of the parish.

\* *Another girl from Trinity church*, and also an officer of the Y. P. F. is Miss Pearl Hiegley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hiegley, Easton Avenue, who left in March for Hunter College, New York, to train with the WAVES. Pearl is a past secretary of Y. P. F. and prior to her enlistment was employed by the First National Bank and Trust Company.

\* *Miss Mary C. Groman*, formerly of 217 East Church Street, is now stationed at Lakehurst, N. J. and will be there about 16 weeks. After that she will be sent wherever her services are most needed. She likes the work but says that Lake-

hurst is lots different from Cedar Falls, Iowa where she trained. Now she "lives out of her suitcase" in barracks, but has lots of free time, which more than makes up for the discomforts.

\* *Training in the fine art* of being a WAAC is Aux. Alice Glose, now at Fort Oglethorpe, Ga. after being inducted at Philadelphia on February 11. She graduated at Bethlehem High in 1937 and is a former clerk of Bush and Bull's store and was for a time a telephone company employe. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles T. Glose, Sr., 114 East Elizabeth Avenue.

\* *Aux Kay Albert*, member of the WAAC, is star gazing these days but with something in mind besides the glitter. She's located at Camp Sims, Va., just six miles from that metropolis where congressmen abound and plots are hatched. You guessed it—it's Washington, D. C. There Kay is doing meteorological work, measuring wind velocity, etc. Our informant hazards the guess that no doubt the soldiers like to watch her work. Who can doubt it?

\* *Seaman Betty Venninger*, WAVE Training School, Cedar Falls, Iowa, sister of Pete Venninger and only girl in the service from College Hill Church, Betty recently started her training in the WAVES. She will be in Iowa for 6 weeks. Even though the weather is cold she likes her new work very much. At present stationed at a large college, Betty has had time to discover that sailors and Navy cadets are also in training there.

\* *Miss Gizella Nemsits*, now in training at the U. S. Naval Training station at Cedar Falls, Iowa, is the latest member of St. John's Windish church to join the WAVES.

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**Reading from top to bottom, to left:**  
Aux's. Blead, Albert, Kopp, Hiegley,  
Carcione, Halleman, Richter.



# THE ARMY IN THE AIR

*They Carry the Mails to the Axis*



## THE PRIZE OF HEROES

Son of Bethlehem Awarded Nation's Highest Tribute For Gallantry

\* *Warrant Officer William G. Weiner*, who, with other men of the renowned 19th Bombardment Group, was accorded the nation's highest tribute in an impressive ceremony at the Pyote Army Air Base as members received the four-fold citation as a unit. Major General Robert Olds, commanding officer of the Second Air Force, attached streamers to the colors of the group.

\* One citation was for the group's

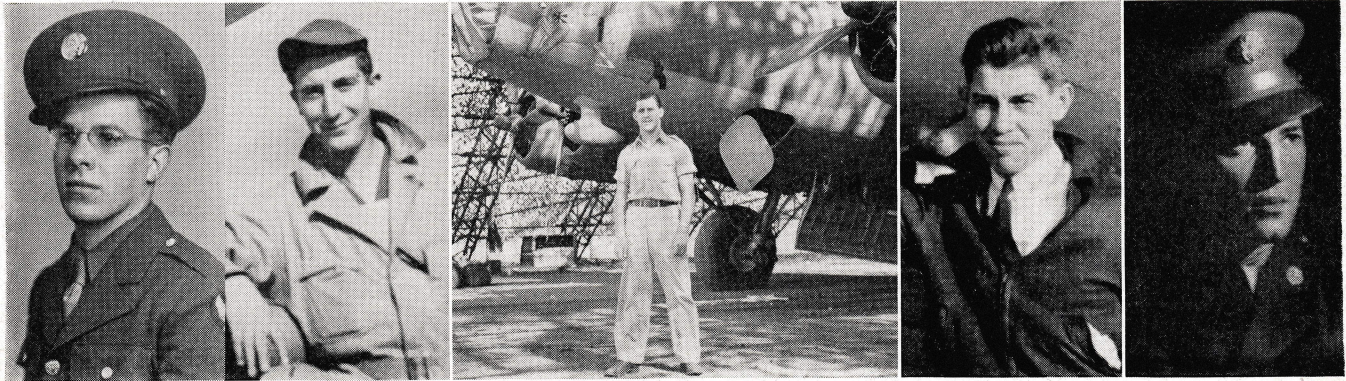
\* More than a thousand men received the individual decoration—a Blue Bar, bordered in gold laurel leaf and set with two oak leaf clusters, a distinction in a class of its own, a device that has never before been presented to any Group other than the 19th, which holds a record in U. S. army history. Warrant Officer Weiner was decorated as one of this Group. He was a gunner on a Fortress.

\* *Pvt. Carlton Fink* was recently sent to Scott Field, Illinois where he has maintained an excellent record. Imagine it was quite a thrill when he met one of this country's great comedians—Jack Benny.

member of an anti-sub squadron. He entered the service on January 17, 1941.

\* "*Sparks*" in the air is Pvt. Harold Strawn, has received his wings and is now a radio operator on a flying fortress on anti-submarine patrol along the Atlantic Coast. He works out of Langley Field, Va. Sparks was recently home with his parents on Maple Street for a three-day furlough.

\* *Reported missing* in action since February 15, Lt. John Mackey is be-



Schreiber

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work against heavy odds in the Philippines from December 8 to 22 in 1941; another, which included all branches of the American Armed Forces, was for work in defense of the Philippines from December 8 to the fall of Bataan. The third streamer was for Java and a fourth for the 19th's performance of duty in action during the period from August 7 to 12, 1942, in the Rabaul, New Britain, area. For each a blue ribbon streamer was tied to the Group colors.

\* The ceremony took place beneath a formation of Flying Fortresses, on the flying line at Pyote. General Olds welcomed the men of the 19th to the Second Command, where they will perform administrative tasks and impart their knowledge, acquired the hard way—through actual experience.

\* *Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Hoffert*, 113 East Union Boulevard, have been informed that their son, Wilbur E., is now at Kearns, Utah with the medical division of the Army Air Corps. A graduate at Liberty High in '42, he was on the wrestling team and a member of the 1940 championship gridiron gang. He's a former employe of the Bethlehem Steel Company, and for avocation played with Bob Ray's orchestra. A brother, Walter R., is at Camp Forrest, Tenn.

\* *Friends back home* in the congregation of Zion E & R church are wishing the best of luck to one of the boys from that church, Staff Sergeant Paul B. Hahn, son of Mr. and Mrs. George B. Hahn, 1336 High Street. Sgt. Hahn is stationed at Grenier Field, Manchester, N. H. and is a

believed to have been shot down in a raid over Dunkirk. He had recently been promoted.

\* *Recently promoted* to first lieutenant is Jack Tyson, instructor in the Army's flying school at Newport, Ark. His picture appears number 19 on the Army picture page.

\* *Planning a career* in the air force is Lieut. Tyson's brother, Robert, a private, who is at Mt. Union College, Alliance, Ohio, for further training.

\* *Assigned together* to the Army Air Force technical school at Sioux Falls, S. D., for training as radio operator-mechanics are Pvt. Edward Wessner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wessner, 729 North Center Street, and Pvt. John Berezny, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Berezny, 1525 East Fourth Street. The latter was a



Horning

Frey

Frankenfield

Lewis

Baird

Hahn

member of the Sons of Legion Squadron of the Harry F. W. Johnson Post, American Legion.

\* *After serving* at Chanute Field, Ill., in the ground forces of the AAF and at other points, including Salt Lake City, Utah, Walla Walla, Washington, and Boise, Idaho, Lieut. Richard Marsten came home for a few days on leave the latter part of February. He visited about among family and friends and now is at his new post in Oklahoma City.

\* *Recently home* on furlough to see his parents, Pvt. Curtiss Doll is now back at his post at Gardener Field, Calif. He recently completed his basic training at the Air Force flying school there.

\* *Stephen Kutos, Jr.*, of 220 East Fifth Street, has received his commission as a second lieutenant in the Air Force. He is a recent graduate of the Officer Candidate school at Miami Beach, Fla.

\* *Franc H. Burnett, Jr.*, a former Lehigh University wrestler, and more recently engaged in the accounting department of the Bethlehem Steel Company, is now training with the Air Force at Yale University, down in old New Haven.

\* *Pvt. William T. Horning*, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. Horning, 46 Hillmond Street, is undergoing his specialized training with the Air Force ground forces and is stationed temporarily in Florida. He graduated at the Airplane Mechanics School, Lincoln Air Base, Lincoln, Neb. on the 26th of January.

\* *Herb Miller* writes to his parents: "Received the picture of the dog and thanks a lot. It sure is a nice picture and brought back memories. Received your box and you can't send any more, so that leaves me out for goodies. Tell Grandad I am fine and thank him for the clippings." Miller is somewhere in the Caribbean area with the Airmen.

\* *A new airman* from Bethlehem is *Corp. Richard Artis*, now with the Army Air Corps at Atlantic City, N. J. Dick is a composer and his "Overture" has been performed by the Liberty High School Band under the baton of his good friend, Joe Ricapito.

\* *Pvt. John Erdell* is now at LaGuardia Airport studying aeronautic mechanics, and finds it very interesting. He also finds interesting the city of New York, which he is able to visit most every Sunday.

\* *Sgt. Royce Frankenfield* is gunning for Nazis as a member of the U. S. Air Force in North Africa, where he has been since Christmas. He celebrated his 22nd birthday on

February 20, says he feels swell and likes his work. His squadron, separated since September last while still in the States, has been re-united in Africa and is operating on schedule.

\* *St. Sgt. Paul C. Frey, Jr.* is fast becoming familiar with air combat technique. He is at Blythe, Calif. A radio operator at present, he relaxes while the pilots fly 'round, but in actual warfare he could do tricks with the mounted machine guns, too.

\* *Air Cadet Raymond Feilbach* started his army career in the infantry, but likes to ride, so he switched to the air force. He entered the service on August 26, 1941 and transferred to the AAF in May of '42. Now he's at Monroe, La., studying to be a navigator. He recently drove from Florida to his present station. Cadet Feilbach is a graduate of Lehigh University, class of 1937 and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George Feilbach, 522 Second Avenue.

\* *Give a smiling soldier* a ten gallon hat 'stead of the tin one, blue jeans and chaps, and a pair of Texas boots with Mexican spurs, and a pouch of Bull Durham makins' in his shirt pocket and you'd have a smilin' cowboy perched on a corral top rail. We mean *Staff Sgt. Harry T. Baird*, whose friends back home sent him birthday greetings on his 24th anniversary which came 'round on Feb. 18. Sgt. Harry, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ott, Bath Pike, enlisted in the Army Air Corps in 1939, right after he'd graduated at Liberty High. At first attached to a Bombardment Squadron in Newfoundland, he is now stationed with the bombardiers at San Antonio, Texas. Harry was married to June Host, of this city, on November 14, last, in the First Moravian church. The folks back home say "Keep 'em flying' Harry, and may you always come out on top."

\* *Raymond Lilly, Jr.*, an air cadet, is now at the University of Cincinnati getting his secondary flight training. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Lilly of Bath Pike. It'll be Wings on the Lilly shortly.

\* *Staff Sgt. John Martin* is somewhere in India but he can't say just where or tell us what he's doing. However, "By the old Mulmein pagoda, lookin' Eastward to the sea"—if you get the idea.

\* "Ireland nice," writes *Sgt. Harrison Forker* from the land of the Shamrock and Erin Go Braugh. "Irish folks fine to me. Am in an excellent unit and being treated swell. Have been in Belfast. Have lots of work."

\* "I think the army's OK," is the plug from *Pvt. Donald Patrick McArdle*. (Not everyone will agree, Don, but that's alright.) "We get lots to eat and plenty of sleep . . . I

had a little treat today. We had a parade." Was the parade a treat?

\* "*Sanitation Detail*" is what *Pvt. Milt Lewis* has written on the back of his picture. We'll hazard a guess that he's scrubbing out his shirt. Does the Army furnish the wringer-out? When the snap was snapped the snappee was at Miami Springs, Fla., at the swank Battle Creek Hotel. Now, according to his sister, Miss Leah Lewis, he is in South America with the Air Corps as a cryptographer. He entered the service in 1942 and received his diploma in cryptography at Pawling, N. Y., on the first day of 1943, having acquitted himself with distinction. Ye Ed has not the pleasure of knowing his sister Leah but he has a poetic picture of her in the first two lines of a letter from brother Milt, which she sent on to us for our edification. They run thusly: "Roses are red, violets are blue; the army needs fats, so why don't they draft you?" Somewhat further along in the jingle he says:

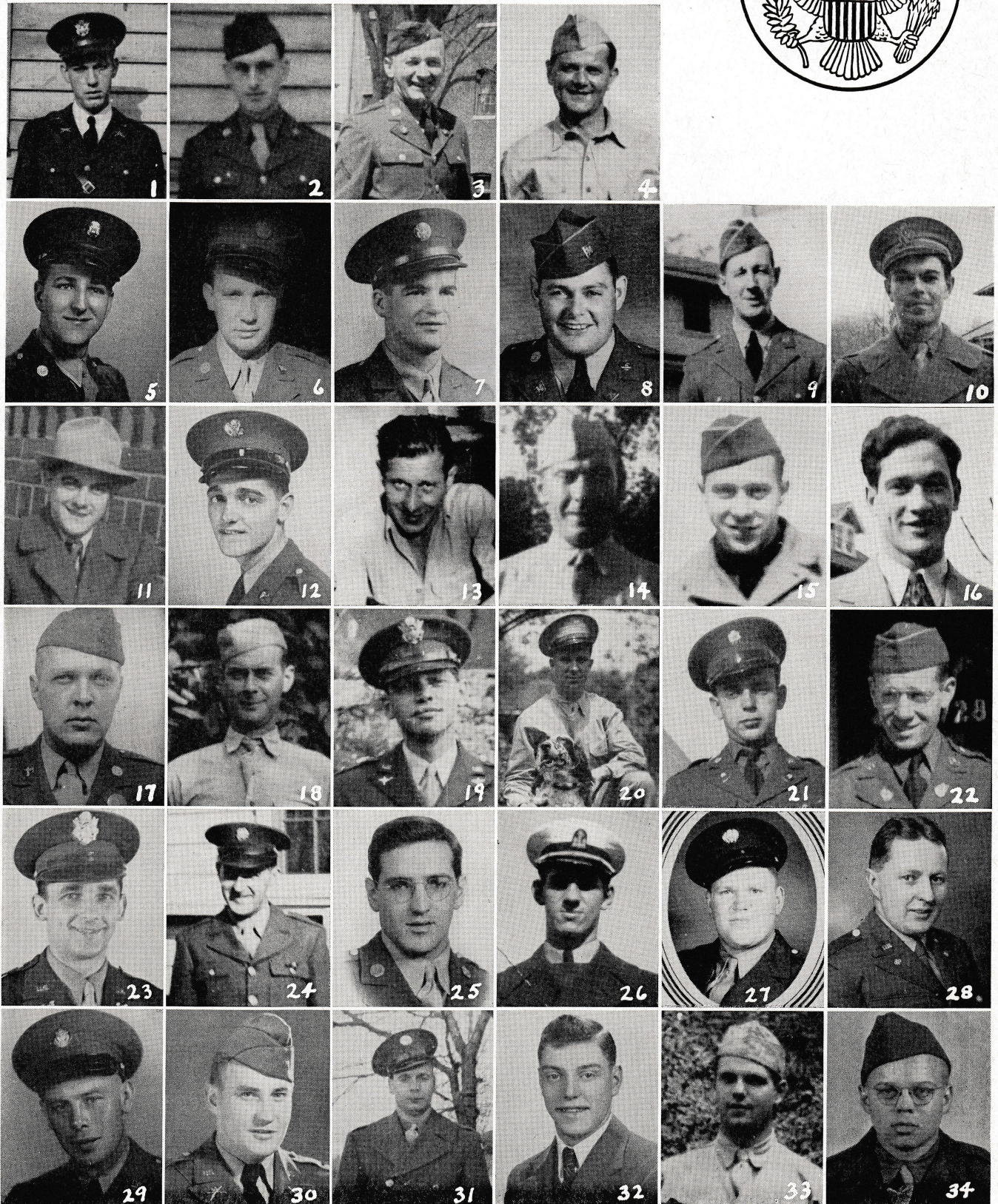
"And I keep thinking, too, of  
that wonderful day  
When I'll fly back home to the  
U. S. of A.

\* *A high baller* of Army trucks and an airplane mechanic with a background of training in hydraulics at the Brewster Aeronautical Plant Paul R. Schreiber is doing his bit on the Alaska front. He enlisted in the AAF on September 29, 1941 at Philadelphia and at 3 p. m. the same day was on his way to New Cumberland. After going through the usual routine at N. C. he was shipped to Las Vegas, N. M. for basic training. It was there that he was made acquainted with the Army truck, piloting everything from the quarter ton midgets to the ten wheel drive jobs. After passing his tests he was sent to Canada about the middle of last January and from thence to Alaska, where he is operating a bus on the dog watch shift—12 midnight to 8 a.m. He's a member of Emmanuel E-C. church here.

\* *In the land of Gunga Din*, Nautch dancers and sacred cows (not the American kind), Pfc. Calvin S. Achey, 'plane specialist, is undergoing some brand new experiences. From the quiet halls of Kutztown State Teachers and Muhlenberg to the storied land of Kipling is something of a jump, even in these times. Pvt. Achey is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Stewart C. Achey, 330 East North Street. He graduated at B. H. S. in '39, attended the Kutztown home of learning for two years, transferred to Muhlenberg in '41 and on Sept. 27, 1942 enlisted in the Air Corps. Route to India: Keesler Field, Beloxi, Miss. and Santa Monica, Calif.

# THE ARMY ON THE HOME LOAM

*They've Left The Plow, The Home, The Forge — For Us*



These are the men of Bethlehem serving in the Army at home: 1, K. Lindner; 2, G. Lindner; 3, J. E. Rankey; 4, W. H. Muhr; 5, L. Knapp; 6, J. Birk; 7, P. Ruth; 8, J. Mallory; 9, G. Nuss; 10, D. Savitz; 11, L. Remaley; 12, H. Stein; 13, A. Posch; 14, K. Doster; 15, E. Posch; 16, J. Conrad; 17, M. Beitler; 18, H. Harple; 19, J. Tyson; 20, F. Masteller; 21, M. Doll; 22, M. Moyer; 23, P. Fenstermacher; 24, R. Grantz; 25, T. Litrenta; 26, W. Brader; 27, C. Reese; 28, J. Maxwell; 29, A. Doster; 30, S. Shireman; 31, R. Yochum; 32, E. Wessner; 33, R. Reese; 34, J. Stahl.

\* *Pvt. Merrit Beitler* is out in the land where the oranges grow, the sunny land of California. He's at Fresno, a lovely spot to be. Pvt. Beitler is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Beitler, Bethlehem R. D. 3. A former employe of the Bethlehem Steel Co., he entered the service January 18. He is a member of St. Peter's Lutheran church.

\* *An acting corporal* is *Lester Knapp*, stationed at Ft. Belvoir, Va. Corp. Knapp entered the service through enlistment on the 30th of June, 1942. He is the son of William L. and the late Susanna F. Knapp, 130½ Graham Court.

\* *Pvt. Richard Savitz*, who was inducted on the second of January, is looking forward to entering Service Entertainment shortly. His interest appears to be theatricals—although there is no hint of the manner of role he aspires to play—for he attended the Ivoryton Theatre School in Connecticut after his graduation at Liberty High in 1938. Right now he is doing the usual K. P., guard duty and other chores as well as engaging in business administration, according to Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Savitz, his parents.

\* *Donald Byington* has donned his country's uniform and is now learning the old army game. He was inducted at New Cumberland.

\* *Pvt. Francis H. Anderson*, son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Anderson, 1215 Maple Street, is at Dundalk, Md., with an M. P. outfit. He entered the service on January 28.

\* *Pvt. Robert E. Gross* is at Santa Anita, Calif., undergoing training with an ordnance battalion. He was sworn in on September 15 and went to New Cumberland on December 15. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Ray H. Gross, 746 Wyandotte Street.

\* *Lieut. Marvin L. Smith*, son of Mr. and Mrs. Milton J. Smith, of 513 South Bishopthorpe Street, is now in Chicago, Ill. He entered the army on December 23, 1940 as a private and has advanced through the ranks. Nice going.

\* *Pfc. Gerald Nuss* is stationed, we believe, at Fort Lewis, Washington. He left the employ of the Bethlehem Steel Company and went into the army August 26, 1941. He was active in St. Peter's Lutheran church and was librarian of one of the departments. Now he is with an infantry unit. He hails from 7 Finady Avenue and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Nuss.

\* *Pvt. Walter A. Bernhardt*, who hails from Hellertown, is now at Camp Atterbury, Ind., with the field artillery. He's the son of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Bernhardt, Sr., 1100 First Avenue, in the Saucon borough.

He went into the service on the 21st of October.

\* *Lieut. Herbert F. Krohn*, C.E., son-in-law of the Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Corson C. Snyder, is with the Engineer Board at Fort Belvoir, Va. Now a first "looie", Lieut. Krohn entered the army March 17, 1942 as a second lieutenant. His home town is La-Grange, Ill. Dad-in-law Snyder is one of the pioneer boosters of Stars, his congregation backing the magazine 100 percent.

\* *Sgt. John E. Rankey* is the name of this grinning soldier with the holstered howitzer. We'd like to be sharing his joke, unless he's laughing at the cameraman. Sgt. Rankey is a veteran. He entered the service February 28, 1940 and that puts him two up on you rookies, but he started at the bottom, so there's hope. He is at Ft. Monroe, Va. He's the son of Mrs. E. G. Rankey, 958 Cherokee Street.

\* *By now Pvt. Lester Remaley* is all dyked out in a uniform, but the accompanying picture was such a swell shot we just had to use it. He's with an infantry regiment at Camp Shelby, Miss., having entered the service last November 11. He's the son of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Remaley, 62 East Spruce Street, and is a benedict, Mrs. Remaley being, at last reports, in the south with him. How're you doin'?

\* *Corp. Walter Muhr* wears a cheerful smile, one of the ear-to-ear kind, as he poses in the company street for his picture. That's a wicked lookin' shootin' arn, podner, as they say down yunder. Corp. Muhr is with a headquarters detachment of a Military Police battalion at Ft. Jackson, S. C. They took him into the army in May of 1941. Principal interests along sports lines—bowling and baseball, the latter in city league competition. He's the son of Joseph Muhr, 1324 Broadway.

\* *A versatile athlete* is *Pvt. Jack W. Conrad*, now working off his steam with the army at Camp Maxey, Texas. Jack played basketball for Roller-Smith before going into the army and was end on a Fountain Hill eleven sponsored and coached by Johnny Kulick. He played baseball, too, for the Fountain Hill Legion team. The son of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Conrad, of Bethlehem R. D. 3, he entered the service on December 17, 1942 and is now in an infantry unit.

\* *Pvt. Harold L. Stein* right now at Station Hospital, Camp Claiborne, La. He went into the service on August 22, 1942. His hometown is Lynnport. He's the son of Mrs. Arthur B. Klingaman, of that place.

\* *This is another brother act*, the Posch brothers' special. There are three of 'em, but pictures of only

two, *Alfred and Edward*, are on hand. There's no snap of *Walter*. Alfred is the lad squatting in the doorway of a building that might be in almost any town. He's a corporal technician, as you can see and he is getting his mail through the San Francisco postmaster. The cheerful looking guy is Pfc. Edward, stationed at George Field, Laurenceville, Ill. Pvt. Walter, third of the trio, is with a field artillery ("call off your numbers") at Camp Maxey, Texas. Edward went into the service October 13, 1941; Alfred, September 9, 1940 and Walter, November 29, 1942.

\* *Corp. Paul Ruth* is stationed at Camp Forrest, Tenn. He's a brother to Troy Ruth, now in the Navy (Troy's picture is on another page) and the pair used to play baseball with the Bethlehem Bees in more peaceful times. Paul got into the army two weeks after Troy, on October 6, 1942, via the selective service route and after the usual prelims at New Cumberland, Pa., found himself at Camp Forrest, where he now is mail orderly, a job that gives him plenty of interesting contacts and makes him a pretty popular chap along about mail call time. Once he got 22 letters and cards all at one kerfluchet and was pretty well put to it to get 'em all answered. But he squeezed letter writing in between 30-mile hikes and other duties and is now a veteran at both. He and Troy are sons of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Ruth, 1001 North New Street.

\* *Brothers in the service* are *Kenneth R.* and *George K. Lindner*, the former a first lieutenant in the infantry, the latter a private first class and clerk in the supply office at Camp Perry, Ohio. Lieut. Lindner is really a veteran at soldiering, for he started his army career at the age of 17 by attending Citizen's Military Training camp each summer for 30 days. He graduated successfully and then took extension work and was commissioned a second lieutenant at the age of 21. Even before Pearl Harbor he was on active service, signing up June 11, 1941. Now he commands an infantry company at Camp Gordon, Ga. He graduated at Bethlehem High in 1937 and played flute and piccolo in the band and orchestra and was drum major his junior and senior years. He was also soloist in the same two instruments in the Municipal band and was a member, too, of the Allentown band. Besides being an accomplished musician, he is a singer of considerable talent and was a member of the choir of the Nativity Episcopal church for a number of years. Lieut. Lindner was a student at the Bethlehem Business college when he heard the call to arms, and dropped the pen for the gun.

## THE ARMY AT HOME---Continued

\* *Out in the land* of the Arkansas Traveler is *Pvt. Niles E. Long*, now undergoing basic training at Camp J. T. Robinson. Although he doesn't play on the bazooka (or does he, now?), he kind of likes the place, judging from a letter to Stars from Mrs. Earle R. Long, 737 High Street, his mother, who supplied this information. *Pvt. Long* was inducted on January 28 and turned his 21st birthday February 21. Back home he was a member of St. Matthew's Lutheran church, one of the congregations which has gone "all out" in the support of Stars in the Service. *Pvt. Long* hits two notes with one big bang when he writes home that at Camp Robinson "food and officers are swell." That's what we like to hear from this end of the line.

\* *Pvt. John H. Birk* puts in a good word for the people of Los Angeles, Calif., where he attended the Army Air Corps Supply and Technical Clerks School until February 6. Says he: "The people of Los Angeles deserve a lot of credit and praise for what they are doing to make the boys in the service happy." That's nice to hear, Johnny. *Pvt. Birk* is at Randolph Field, Texas, now. He was inducted into service November 11, 1942, sent to New Cumberland and then to Atlantic City on the 20th, where he was entered in the 611th Technical School squadron, AAF. He was shipped to California on the 9th of December and graduated the 6th of February. He's waiting for assignment at this writing. He's a former employe of the Bethlehem Steel Company and of the Just Born Candy Co. and was 23 on the 11th of March. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. William Birk, 743 East Fairview Street, and he's a member of St. Peter's Lutheran church.

\* *Doster, that's the name.* There are two of them, *Albert F.* and *Karl R.*, sons of Charles Doster, of Bethlehem R. D. 3, in Uncle Sam's army. *Albert*, now a corporal, is with a Military Police unit at Fort Meyers, Va., and *Karl*, a private, is at New Cumberland. Private *Karl* is exercising his skill as a hammer and saw man at New Cumberland, and wields a mean paint brush, too. *Corp. Albert* is on guard duty in the nation's capital. He told his father that at one time he was detailed to guard the eight German spies, since executed.

\* *Pfc. George K. Lindner*, like his brother, is a skilled musician and vocalist. He, too, was a member of the Nativity church choir and a member of the Bethlehem High and Municipal bands. His solo instrument is the

clarinet. He graduated at Liberty in 1935 and was then employed in the Lehigh University Library. He took a course at the Bethlehem Business college and completed three years in metallurgy through the Penn State College extension school. He was studying mechanical engineering through the same school and had completed two years of work when called into service on July 28 of last year. At that time he was in the employ of the Bethlehem Steel Company. He was inducted at Camp Mead, and is now at Camp Perry, Ohio, Ordnance unit training center.

\* *Good cheer* is the word for *Corp. John (Johnny) M. Mallory*, sr. Just take a look at that physog. The grin would win the heart of Medusa herself (she was the hard-hearted gal with snakes in her hair who turned guys like us to stone. But Perseus was a smart hombre. He took along a mirror when he went to call and, womanlike, she took a gander to see if her hairdo was hunkydory. Hey, presto, she turned to stone herself. Let that be a lesson to you, girls). Well, *Corp. Johnny* is at Camp Hood, Texas, spreading cheer and learning the ins and outs at automotive school, Tank Destroyer base, where he started study on February 8. He was inducted March 4, 1942. His wife sent us this picture and bit of news, and wished good luck to Stars.

\* *First Lieut. John Maxwell* of 714 14th Avenue is stationed at Princeton University, attending the Post Exchange School, Graduate College, where he is expected to remain until the end of March. Before his induction, *Johnny* was manager of the Supply Bureau of Lehigh University.

\* *Pvt. Carl Rice*, writes that he is to be transferred soon—at present he is training at Fort Eustis, Virginia. When he marches, he wears a pack weighing 70 pounds. He received a medal for expert marksmanship with a score of 158.

\* *Corp. Marcus Moyer, Jr.* as mail clerk for his company, likes army life a whole lot. After spending a 7-day furlough at home he recently returned to camp in Missouri and from there he will be sent West for 3 months of maneuvers.

\* *Pvt. Roland C. Lynn* left on February 28 for his basic training at Fort Knox, Ky. where he has become a White Patch Man in charge of 10 men.

\* *Pfc. Dale Kamerer* and *Pvt. Charles Johnson* were recently in quarantine—Dale *Kammerer* in Atlanta for measles and *Charles Johnson* in Salt Lake City for typhoid.

\* *2nd Lieut. Paul Bishop, Jr.*, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bishop of 1114 N. New Street, has been commissioned in the regular army but has not been called for active duty as yet. At present he is a medical student at the University of Pennsylvania and will complete his course there in December.

\* *Alfred P. Kerchmar*, 1438 Schley Avenue, Texas, formerly of this city, has recently been given his captaincy.

\* *Frank Yanza*, son of Mr. and Mrs. Nickolas Yanza, East Fifth Street, is sporting his corporal's stripes now.

\* *Recent inductees* into the service from St. John's Windish parish are *William "Bill" Bayak*, of Fifth and Pierce Streets and formerly of Durham Farm; *Ernest Mellin*, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Mellin, East Morton Street; *William Gorcsan*, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gorcsan, East Fourth Street; *Joseph Cziffer*, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cziffer, East Morton Street; *Ernest Fortel*, son of Mrs. Fannie Fortel, Hillside Avenue; *William Korosetz*, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Korosetz, West Third Street; *Stephen Hassay*, son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Hassay, East Third Street; *Louis Luthar*, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ignac Luthar, Laufer Avenue.

\* *Curtis Hausman* writes from Alabama that he is enjoying his training very much. He says he dug his first foxhole in three hours. The Heinies will git you if'n you don't watch out, Curt.

\* *Pvt. Richard C. Yochum* has become a bird fancier. Yep, believe it or not, he's with a Signal Pigeon company at Camp Crowder, Missouri. Not having wings, when he wants to get someplace he has to trek, and he tells the folks back home that he is taking 35-mile hikes "with a few rests along the way." That's a bird of a story.

\* *Corp. Tech. Floyd L. Masteller*, who is at present at Ft. Lewis, Seattle, Washington, writes enthusiastically of the state, the people and his buddies. An ardent fisherman, *Corp. Masteller* spends a lot of time hauling in "big ones." He's a member of a barrage balloon battalion and he says maneuvering those whoppers keeps him in trim for his piscatorial pursuits. A singer, too, he has used his vocal cords to good advantage in several nearby churches. He has been in service since June of 1941 and has made many friends in and about Seattle. At home he was an active member of Emmanuel E-C. church and was president of the Young People's C. E. society and held offices in the city and county unions, too. He's the son of Mr. and Mrs. George J. Masteller, 647 Washington Avenue.



## THE ARMY AT HOME---Continued

\* *John H. Dudley* is now a first lieutenant and is stationed at the Aberdeen Proving Ground, Aberdeen, Md.

\* *John Fessiszez, Jr.*, now at Fort Hamilton, N. Y. has become a sergeant.

\* *Ellis Mast* has received his promotion to corporal and Corp. Russel Hawk has been in the hospital the past couple of weeks at this writing. His friends back on the home front hope he is speedily recovered.

\* *First Sergeant Warren Bender* has been going places in a big way and has gotten his name in the regimental paper, "Star and Garter" as having moved from private first class to first sergeant in ten months, holding every rank on the way up. This is considered to be a record and one attained by few men in the army, even in these swift-paced times. A hand for Sergeant Bender, boys! He is at Camp Gordon, Johnston, Fla.

\* *Word from another denizen* of Camp Gordon, Corp. Anthony Schaedler, says his company is really getting a workout in its amphibian training. Tony says he gets up at 2 a. m. (even before the milkman) and participates in practice landings before the crack of dawn. He remarks that he's been swimming as early as 8:30 a. m. and even in Florida waters it is sometimes pretty chilly.

\* *Pvt. Bruce Peacock* is now at Fort Belvoir, Va. in the Engineer reserve training corp.

\* *Master Sergeant John Frankensfield* is working in the Finance Office of the Army Medical Center in Washington, D. C.

\* *Lieut. John W. Maxwell*, formerly in charge of the supply bureau at Lehigh University, is training for the Army Supply Service at the Graduate College, Princeton, N. J.

\* *Pvt. Daniel Hunt*, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Hunt, Market Street, is in the Tank Corps training center at Fort Knox, Ky.

\* *Taking a vacation* from his horse for a few days recently, Henry S. Melhado, of the U. S. Cavalry at Ft. Riley, Kansas, was home on a week's furlough a short time ago.

\* *Pvt. John Stahl* is busy these days on the contributing end of a machine gun, learning the intricacies necessary to "mowing 'em down." In other words, he's a member of a machine gun squad and is training at Camp Shelby, Miss. He tells his mother,

Mrs. Helen Stahl, of Ettwein Street, that he likes camp. Could it be that the grub is good?

\* *Sgt. Martin Doll* is at Norfolk, Va. with a Coast Artillery (AA) band. He is a veteran soldier, since he was inducted September 16, 1941.

\* *Pvt. Charles Reese*, who tips the beam in the neighborhood of 225 pounds, is learning how to hide his carcass in a foxhole in no minutes flat. He says it's quite a job and he managed it in half an hour. "Reds" has been in the Army only since January 2, but he writes vividly of a soldier's life, describing his progressive stages of training from K.P. and "dishpan hands" right on down to three days of simulated warfare. He's at Fort McClellan, Ala.

\* *Lieut. Paul Fenstermaker*, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Fenstermaker, 631 Third Avenue, is on duty at Fort Jackson, S. C. with an engineering equipment company. He graduated at the Officer Candidate School at Fort Belvoir, Va. Before entering the Engineer Corps he taught industrial arts at Mansfield State Teachers College.

\* *Captain Frank Novak* has realized an ambition to which he has pledged himself since beginning his Army career six years ago, the admittance to the Army General Staff school at Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas. Through determined study and unswerving purpose, he has risen from the rank of private to his present captaincy.

Six years ago Captain Novak could not speak a word of English, for, although an American citizen, his boyhood days had been spent in Jugoslavia. Back in the United States, where the principle of equality of opportunity is cardinal with our democracy, he has achieved what would have been impossible in any other country.

Before enrolling in the Staff school, Captain Novak held the post of personnel officer at the Army Air Field in Carlsbad, N. M.

\* *Kerwin H. Silfies* celebrated his 21st birthday at Fort Knox, Ky. just nine days after he was inducted into the Army, January 28. He was sent to Knox from New Cumberland.

\* *Pvt. Harry Harple* who used to work for a bakery when he was at home, is now in the Infantry and is doing the "hay foot, straw foot" at Camp Edwards, Mass. Son of Mr. Charles Harple and the late Jennie Harple, he is a veteran of the Bricker Baking Co. force.

\* *Working toward those two coveted stripes* is Pfc. Russell J. Grantz,

now at Camp Shelby, Miss. He received his present grade on January 13. He's a crack shot with a rifle, having received a medal for marksmanship, and he's rarin' to get a bead on Herr Hitler. He has been at Shelby since last November 15.

\* "We have Protestant church services in our battalion chapel every Sunday morning at 10:30," writes *Pfc. Ray Dimmich* from Camp Edwards, Mass., to his home church, Central Moravian. "The chaplains (both are first lieutenants) conduct services jointly. The chapel is simple in design, seats about 300 people and has a good-sized choir loft (no choir, yet) with a small electric organ. The services last about 50 minutes and are fairly similar to ours at home."

\* Along the same line is a letter from *Pvt. Henry Williams*, now at Fort Monmouth, N. J., who, at the time, was at Camp Kohler, Calif.

\* *Sgt. Harold Ruth* is at present attending instructor's school at Camp Carabell, Fla., where he is taking up Amphibious training, which is concerned with landing docks.

\* *Richard Kincaid*, 631 Martin's Lane, and *Robert Flammer*, 229 Spring Street, are two West Side Moravian boys who left with the February 19 selective service detachment. Dick left Dick, Jr., aged one and one-half years, to look after the family affairs and Mrs. Kincaid while "Pop" is away.

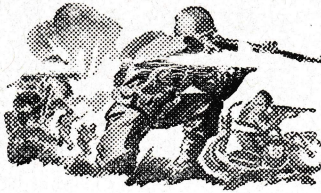
\* *Raymond Grube*, stationed at Fort Dodge, Ind., has received his corporal's stripes. Nice going! He attended radio institute for ten weeks and is rated as a high speed code operator after graduating second in a class of 100 men.

\* Another new corporal is *Frank Lawatsch*, and he's a benedict, too, for he was married to Eleanor Anderson on January 31. He writes that he is at a new camp, just 17 miles from the Ohio border. His address lists Shenango Replacement Depot, Greenville, Pa.

\* Four young men from Central Moravian congregation who are the most recent Army inductees are Sterling Hiegley, Robert Dartt, Robert Smith and Paul Couch. Their present whereabouts is unknown.

\* *Glider Infantry*—they're in the air but not of the Air Force. So is *Lieut. Willard Bernhardt*, who is going about with brand-new gold bars, having recently been commissioned. He's at Fort Bragg, N. C.

\* *Officer Candidate* is *James Hoch*, now at Camp Davis, N. C. He says it is tough going, but the bars will be worth it.



# THE ARMY ON FOREIGN SOIL

*"We're Foot Slog-Slog-Sloggin' Over Africa"—Kipling*

\* *Although not strictly Army*, Volunteer James Gerhardt goes in this column because he is with the U. S. A. somewhere in the Middle East with his American Field Service unit. Jimmy enlisted in this ambulance corps after the armed forces said "no", and before going to the Middle East saw action on other battle fronts where United Nations troops are engaged in combat. He writes he's seen Sheppard's Hotel in Cairo, but he hasn't seen the Sphinx yet. Well, Sheppard's has its superior attractions, we hear and the Sphinx can't talk.



\* *Pvt. Raymond Steager* of the Finance Dept., in the type of uniform that he is wearing now. He left Seattle on February 3 for somewhere in Alaska.



\* *Pvts. Edwin Kemmerle and T. T. Mosebach*, both Bethlehemites, are somewhere in Africa as the second issue of Stars is compiled. Mosebach is the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Mosebach, 937 Center Street, and is with an Infantry outfit. Last word from Kemmerle indicated that he had been "moved from Cassablanca" but nothing else was available.



\* *Pvt. Ralph Krier* writes from somewhere in Africa that he gets more than enough food and as a result has gained weight and is feeling very healthy. He sees many Arabs and his only comment is that "they are very dirty, because they don't take baths."



\* *Norwood Wagner*, now with the sand swallows in North Africa, has become a technical sergeant. He says he received his Christmas box from church (St. Paul's E & R) and writes that "You will never know how I really felt when I received the package on Christmas morning and how very grateful I was, not only for the package itself but for the thoughts that came with it."



\* *Lt. James Goodwillie* spreads a cheerful smile for folks abroad. He uses—perhaps—Pepsodent!

Reading from top to bottom, to right: Goodwillie, Kemmerle, Miller, George, Wagner, Stehley, and Sister Genevieve, Miller, Mosebach, Deutsch, Steager.

\* *Somewhere on the high seas*, Sgt. Alfred Mitman and Pvt. Delbert Hausman are going up and down with the boat as they head for distant ports. Very likely they have arrived by this time.

\* *Robert Stehley* has a new handle to his name. He's Sergeant Stehley now. A veteran of service with the Bethlehem unit of the old 213th (First Defenders) Coast Artillery (AA), he liked soldiering so much that he enlisted in the regular army when his hitch with the hometown battery ran out. Right now he is in the Aleutian Islands looking after the life line in that neck of the woods. A brief note to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Stehley, Sr., 2507 North Linden Street, from one of Bob's buddies, who signs himself simply "Joe", says that he is "well and contented." Joe is home on furlough, something Bob has not been since May a year ago. He is pictured here with his sister, Genevieve, on the porch of the family home. There's something about a pretty girl!

\* *Not much to say about Pvt. Harry Deutsch* except that the "Deutschers" who "Heil Hitler" had better not give his home address. He's a mighty trim looking soldier and the son of Frank and Anna Deutsch, of 504 Spring Street. Just now his address is c/o postmaster, New Orleans, La.

\* *One of those popular guys*, an M. P. (not Member of Parliament), is *Walter J. Sinwell*, now serving on foreign soil. Pvt. Sinwell hails from Easton but his family attends St. Peter's Lutheran church here, so we have some news of him. He entered the service on June 5, 1941, was honorably discharged as over age, 28 years, and placed in the Enlisted Reserve, and then recalled to service on January 28 and placed in the Military Police.

\* *Somewhere in North Africa* is a Bethlehem chap, *Corp. Edward Steager*. He's in line for congrats, for he was only recently given his two stripes. A year ago February 3 he was just a rookie, for on that date he was inducted. He is a member of a cannon company and a former student of Moravian College. Once upon a time he worked for the Bethlehem Steel Company. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Allen Steager, 329 Vine Street.

\* *Among those now serving in Africa* are *Staff Sergeant Earl F. George*, *Corp. Wilmer Sell* and *Pfc. Ellwood F. Wright*.



# SPORTS, PAST TENSE

By Lloyd Lukens

Reflected in the scholastic sports mirror the past six months are several championships and near championships, together with a greater than average number of heart-breaking losses.

A quick survey shows that Lehigh had its best football season in many years, winning all but three games, and one of the latter being a 7-7 tie with Lafayette. Toughest break was the sudden death a few weeks after the season closed of Coach George Hoban. In basketball the Engineers won steadily until mid-year graduation robbed the team of its star, Billy Binder. In wrestling Coach Sheridan turned out another outstanding team, winning all dual meets and finishing fourth in the national intercollegiate.

Moravian had an in-and-out football team, winning four games and losing five. One resulted in a tie. Several games were exceedingly close, with the Greyhounds on the short end of the breaks. In basketball Moravian turned out a good team, but played a tough schedule, meeting some of the best collegiate and service teams in the East. All sports have now been abandoned for the duration.

Liberty High turned in the best all-around season. The football team won the Big 15 Conference crown, being undefeated, but tied twice, once by Sunbury in the opener and by Allentown in the finale. The basketball team followed through by "almost" winning the East Penn League crown, winning the first half title, but dropping the playoff game to Hazleton, winner of the second half title. So close was the game contested that at the end a riot developed in the Allentown Palestra, scene of the playoff, and Bethlehem received a blackeye in the opinion of league schools. Hazleton is still going strong in the P.I.A.A. playoffs and has shown itself to be a great team, which, of course, makes Bethlehem's team likewise a great team—since the title eluded the locals by only one point in an extra period contest and that on a disputed decision. The team won 17 games and lost three—all to Hazleton.

Bethlehem Catholic High completed its league season by winning the championship, downing the Vikings of Allentown in two contests. Broughal Junior High won the junior high championship by defeating Washington Junior High in a playoff game at Liberty gymnasium.

All-in-all, the seasons just past have been good for most Bethlehem scholastic teams and with curtailed programs, and boys facing induction or enlisting in the armed forces, there is little chance of the records being equalled here for some time to come.

## THE MELTING POT

\* *A chaplain* in the cavalry at Ft. Reilly, Kansas, is *Lieut. John M. Bellan*. No information as to whether he mounts a hoss or a jeep is available so far. Since the Army has gone in for gasoline instead of oats and exchanged the saddle for the bucket seat we suppose the chaplain bounces along in modern style. *Lieut. Bellan* was called to active duty on August 27 and sent to Harvard University to the chaplain's school for a "refresher" course. Information about his activities was supplied by his wife, Mrs. John C. Bellan, 527 Third Avenue.

\* *Romance* of the serious kind (the kind that "takes") culminated in marriage for *Corp. Joseph S. Allam*, son of Mr. and Mrs. K. S. Allam, 203 Ninth Avenue, when he took as his bride on February 6 Miss Ruth Van Street. The wedding occurred during a furlough of *Corp. Allam*, who has been discharged from the hospital at Ft. Dix, N. J., where he underwent an operation. *Corp. Allam* enlisted with Battery C in the old 213th Regiment of Coast Artillery (AA). He was hospitalized in October of 1942.

\* *Robert Baum*, MM 1/c, is having a time aboard a sub-chaser while his wife, the former Frances Wesenberg, keeps the home fires burning in their snug apartment in Miami, Fla.

\* *Dr. Daniel B. Ehrlich*, genial tooth doctor, writes his friends here from Norfolk that he's filling cavities for the seamen (not the kind that cooks fill three times a day) and that he isn't terribly busy. Must be the Navy lads have good teeth.

\* *Lieut. Commdr. Ward Shields*, now at San Diego, Calif., (the flowers in that town are the most brilliant colors imaginable, by the way) is doing confidential work. It is said to be so secret that he can't write letters while on assignment.

\* *Joseph Heller, Jr.*, has no rating at present and stationary address. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Heller, 517 11th Avenue, he recently enjoyed a 10-day furlough with his parents, after returning from desert maneuvers in California. During this furlough announcement was made of his engagement to Miss Kathryn Wolbach, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wil-

liam Wolbach, 424 East Locust Street. At present Joe is an Officer Candidate at the infantry school at Fort Benning, Ga.

\* Letters from *Ensign Harry Leidich, Jr.*, tell of his interesting work in moving from boat to boat instructing officers in "communications"; from *Ensign B. Hoddinot, Jr.*, with thanks for the Christmas card which reached him while he was on duty in Pacific waters; from *Ensign Frank Dulin, Jr.*, describing his duties at Harvard University; from *1st Lieut. Douglas Paul*, who says the southland is fine but he misses the snow to which he was accustomed in the North.

\* *Cadet George Pali, U.S.N.R.*, has completed his preliminary training at Bucknell University, and is now studying advanced methods at the University of Iowa.

\* *Staff Sgt. John A. Heft* describes something of Africa to his pastor, the Rev. Benjamin Lotz, in a letter from "over there." Old stuff to men now desert-trained, the dope is interesting to folks back home. He says the heat is great during the day but nights are cool and there's a sea breeze most all of the day. American-made articles are plentiful and Hollywood brand movies are shown frequently. The men swim in the Atlantic. He considers the life of the native educational. Labor is cheap, a man working for 40 cents a day. Five of the men club together and hire a houseboy, who does all the work (page Mr. Reilly!). Malaria has been reduced to about one per cent.

\* From the other side of the globe Pastor Lotz hears from *John Jonas Appel*, in Hawaii, who acknowledges receipt of church literature and relates that his supper was of corned beef stew. "They should ration it, he says."

\* Another Bethlehem man "somewhere in India" is *Staff Sgt. John Martin*. He can't tell where he is nor what he is doing. However, from sketchy descriptions of the life our boys are leading out there, his days must be full of interest.

\* Across the seas in Africa, *Edgar Beidelman*, son of Dr. and Mrs. E. R. Beidelman, is helping make it hot for the Nazi's and their hapless Italian allies.

Stars recently added to the service flag at Christ Evangelical and Reformed church are for Ted Oswald and Curtis Hausman. Every church has its service flag now, and many have rolls of honor in the vestibules. Loving fingers sew on the stars, one by one, with many a silent prayer for the man or woman whom it represents.

## MINISTERING HANDS--- Continued

In an informative note, Mrs. Stauffer says that Lt. Lewry "is the first of her class ('42) at St. Luke's to enlist, first to receive employment outside of the hospital and the first of the class to leave for foreign service. We are proud of her courage and may God bring her luck." Stars echoes those sentiments. Where Lieut. Lewry is is not told, but she's out of the U. S. In a letter to her mother and father she wrote: "Our Administration Medical Corps lieutenant told me today that I am their youngest officer. They treat me like a general, to say the least. We receive salutes and give salutes to our superiors while on the post outside the building. The night after arrival (on post) we had a dance at the club and I danced a continuous round from 8 to 11 with all our chief officers, from the colonel to the lieutenant." Dorothy is now in Iraq.

\* *If any of you fellows* are thinking of getting hospitalized, why not put in your bid for a bed at the Station Hospital, Fort Devens, Mass.? There, if you were lucky, this pretty, smiling girl from the old home town on the Lehigh river would take your pulse, hold your hand, bathe your aching brow, write your letters, cheer you up and generally make life just next door to bliss. For your information she is *2nd. Lieut. Hilda M. Goth, R. N., A. N. C.* and when she was in town she lived at 945 Delaware Avenue, the home of her sister, Mrs. Stephen Zonay. She is with the 9th General Hospital Unit at Fort Devens.

\* *When Irish eyes are smilin'* there's many a soldier's heart will beat a notch or two faster, and when *Mary Rose Reilly* puts the thermometer in his mouth and takes his pulse—well, the sky's the limit. *2nd. Lieut. Reilly* left on February 23 for the U. S. Naval Hospital at Philadelphia after signing up with the Naval Reserve Nurses Corps on December 23. Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Reilly, 42 Taylor Street, she is a graduate of Bethlehem Catholic High and of the Sacred Heart Hospital School of Nursing at Allentown. She has been on the operating room staff of the Memorial Hospital, Morristown, N. J., for the past three years.

## AUXILIARIES---Continued

\* *Mrs. Morton Serfass*, 623 Delwood Street, left on St. Patrick's Day, March 17th, for training as a member of the WAAC. She is a member of the Nativity Y. P. F. and had been in the employ of Bethlehem Steel before enlisting.

\* *Learning that the WAAC* needed linguists, *Maria S. Rodriguez*, 23, of Hellertown, decided to enlist and put to good use her knowledge of Spanish. She was sworn in March 3 and is awaiting her call to active duty. A younger sister, *Pauline*, has tried to join the WAAC three times, but she's two years under age. A third sister, *Dolores*, is staying at home to "keep up the morale" on the home front, *Maria* says.

\* *A petite charmer* now wearing her country's uniform in the WAAC is *Aux. Arlene Kauffman*, daughter of Chief of Police and Mrs. Victor P. Kauffman, of Fountain Hill. *Arlene* left March 1 for Ft. Oglethorpe, Ga., to undergo basic training. She is a graduate of the borough high school and had been employed by the American Armament Corp., in Allentown. A number of friends gave her a party at the home of her sister, *Mrs. Evelyn Clark*, 1994 Brookside Drive, before she left.

\* *Miss Agnes Timko*, 639 Atlantic Street, was sworn in as a WAAC at Philadelphia on the same day that *Arlene Kauffman* took the oath and left with her on March 1 for Ft. Oglethorpe. A former Bethlehem High school student, she had been employed by the Roller-Smith Co.

\* *The WAAC seems the popular service* from the vantage point of the editorial typewriter, for there is another local girl who has taken the oath and soon will don the uniform. She is *Catherine Mathes*, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Mathes, 135 Linden Street, Hellertown, and she is the first girl from the Saucon borough to enter the Army auxiliary service. She was sworn in on the twelfth of February.

\* *Awaiting orders* to report for basic training with the WAAC is *Miss Dorothy Wolf*, who was sworn in February 15 at Allentown. She is the daughter of Mrs. A. Wolf, 221 Northampton Avenue, and attended the Bethlehem High school. Her brother, *Robert*, is a seaman first class and stationed at the Philadelphia Navy Yard.

\* *Just what* does the WAAC have to justify such a happy-go-lucky smile as that worn by *Aux. Violet M. Kopp*? The official corps photographer must have cracked a pretty hot one to get it. This is the first good close-up we've seen of a member of the WAAC, and as a sample it speaks well for the outfit. *Aux. Kopp* is at Ft. Oglethorpe, Ga., at the Third WAAC Training Center. She was trained at Ft. DesMoines, Ia., headquarters of the First WAAC center. She resided at 1216 Sioux Street.

## WHO HELPED--- Continued

*mansburg*, the Rev. Paul Strauch, pastor; Grace Lutheran, the Rev. Dr. J. Howard Worth, pastor; Brith Sholom Community Center, Rabbi Mordecai Brill; College Hill Moravian, the Rev. Milton A. Yaeck, pastor.

Eleven other churches came in after the first issue was off the press and shared in the home distribution and sent mailing lists. These included St. Paul's Evangelical and Reformed, the Rev. Chester L. Brachman, pastor; St. John's Evangelical, the Rev. A. M. Gottschalk, pastor; Emmanuel Evangelical-Congregational, the Rev. John A. Smith, pastor; First Moravian, South Side, the Rev. Roy Grams, pastor; Calvary Evangelical and Reformed, the Rev. Dr. Joseph D. Peters, pastor; Holy Trinity Lutheran, the Rev. Benjamin Lotz, pastor; St. Stephen's Lutheran, the Rev. David H. Frederick, pastor; Ebenezer Mennonite Brethren in Christ, the Rev. P. T. Stengele, pastor; St. John's Windish Lutheran, the Rev. Dr. Ernest A. Stiegler, pastor; West Side Moravian, the Rev. John Groenfeldt, pastor; Zion Evangelical and Reformed, the Rev. Dr. C. A. Butz, pastor; First Presbyterian, North Side, the Rev. Roger Enloe, minister.

That's 20 out of 67. Not so bad for a starter. Every church, of every denomination, with sons and daughters in the armed forces and auxiliaries is invited to participate. Stars is sent through the mails to every man and woman whose name is submitted on a church service roster, providing that congregation carries its share in making the project a success.

## BROTHER ACT

\* From Emmanuel Evangelical-Congregation church comes the proud boast that in the congregation are eight sets of brothers in the armed services, and in two cases the families expect a third son to enter the forces. Those reported are Russell and Leon Quier, Curtis and Martin Doll, Charles and Edward Wessner, Leavitte and Truman Frey, Royce and Floyd Mastellar, Kermit and Quentin Gilbert, Herbert and Ralph Miller and Charles and Richard Reese.