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STARS

IN THE SERVICE

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TO THE GREATER GLORY OF GOD



★ The top picture shows **Pfc. Richard "Dick" Klase**, attached to an Air Force engine overhaul squadron, and his buddies standing in front of the FEASC Depot 3 Chapel, largest under the command of the Far East Air Force, which they and others of the outfit built. The chapel is 112½ feet long and 50 feet wide and will seat upward of 800 men. The sanctuary is 30 by 20 feet. Communion and altar rail were constructed by the carpenter shop; light fixtures by the machine shop. Native wood was used for the building. Much of the work of building was done by the men after they had finished their own duties for the day. The lower photo shows **Chaplain Gilbert Johnstone**, Protestant clergyman, speaking at the dedication services.

FAMILY ALBUM

★ It has been announced that the American Bible Society will again sponsor World-wide Bible Reading between Thanksgiving and Christmas. Readings this year will be made up of suggestions submitted by servicemen and women. Rev. C. L. Brachman, pastor of St. Paul's Reformed Church, invites suggestions from his own boys and girls in service, and from friends. Address: 1021 Center Street, Bethlehem, Pa.

★ Several new names were added to Bethany Church honor roll in recent months; **Carl R. Nelson**, **Charles W. Brugger**, **Roger D. Wagner**, **Charles A. Becker**, **Burl S. McKelvie** and **Raymond L. Orth**. Although **Raymond Orth** has been in the Navy since Nov. 1939, he joined our church at Easter time and thus became eligible to have his name placed on the honor roll. There are 113 on the Honor Roll, of which 104 are in active service, two in the Maritime Service, two missing in action and five honorably discharged.

★ New Jerusalem Church at Leithsville has heard that **Buddy Kauffman**, who was in Germany, is now in the U. S. Maybe he's home now. "**Bill**" **Vogle** has also been heard from.

★ New Jerusalem Lutheran & Reformed congregations have added three stars to their service flag, one each for **Mrs. Sarah Muschlitz**, who joined the WAVES; for **Maynard Leith** and for **George Mellinger**, both of whom joined the Army. There are 99 stars on the banner now.

★ Zion Evangelical & Reformed Church has added four new stars to its service flag, making a total of 46. Honored are **Neil Balliet**, **Lester J. Hahn** and **William Breisch**, Army; and **Donald G. Nagle**, Navy. Zion also greeted **Lester J. Compton**, S 1/c, home after a year in England, and **LeRohn D. Deysher**, Mus. 1/c, home after 23½ months in the Pacific.

★ **Norman Yocum**, BM 2/c, has been joined at San Bruno, Calif. by Mrs. Yocum.

★ St. Mark's Lutheran Church lists the following boys who have been assigned to overseas duty since the last issue of Stars: **Pvt. John E. Hu-**

dak, **Lt. Douglas H. Gordon**, **Pvt. Robert S. Bickle**, **Lt. Gordon M. Moyer**, **Lt. Douglas S. Wright**, **Pvt. Howard Lux**, **Pvt. Robert P. Fisher**, **Pvt. Donald E. Himmelmwright**, and **Pvt. Kenneth L. Pittinger**.

★ Names of **Arthur Courson**, **J. Upton Mattis**, **Raymond Eckert**, **Thomas Swingle** and **Robert Nikols** have been added to the Honor Roll of First Baptist Church. Servicemen attending Easter Sunday rites were **Allen Sterner**, **E. Neal Gipson**, **George Overdorf**, **Donald Wisler**, **Ernest Gurlack** and **Samuel Engle**.

★ St. Paul's Reformed congregation recently welcomed home from duty overseas **Charles Diefenderfer** and **Gerald Leibert**, U. S. Navy, and **Paul Kunsman**, Army Air Force.

The church's service flag has had stars dedicated in the names of **Thur-low Warg**, **Raymond Roberts**, **William Yocum** and **Sheldon Diefenderfer**, the service taking place April 15 with Pastor C. L. Brachman in charge. Roberts and Yocum are in the Navy; Diefenderfer and Warg in the Army. St. Paul's now has 62 in the service of their country.

★ **Mrs. Warren C. Crouthamel** and son **Terry** have been staying with their husband and father, **Warren Crouthamel SK 2/c** at Chickasaw, Ala.

★ Two church fires, one of serious proportions and the other "nipped in the bud" before it could do much damage, caused headaches to two congregations in the community this Spring. Worst of the two was at Freemansburg, where Trinity Reformed was gutted by the blaze. St. John's Windish Lutheran on East 4th St. sustained some hurt by smoke and water when flames were discovered on the morning of Sunday, April 22. The church was newly redecorated. It was said that the organ was saved from damage by a matter of inches as the fire crept up between partitions.

★ These servicemen attended services in Ebenezer Mennonite Brethren in Christ Church recently: **Sgt. Elmer H. Gable**, U.S.M.C., Cherry Point, N. C.; **Pfc. Arthur F. Mann**, Philadelphia; **Cpl. Robert G. Williams**, Cleveland, O.; **William Lasso**, S 2/c, Bainbridge, Md.; **William Matz**, Cumberland, Pa.; and **Pfc. Henry Gemberling**, Aberdeen, Md. Promotions among Ebenezer men are **LeRoy Musselman** to lieutenant; **Leon Hinnerschietz** to corporal; **Jay Hinnerschietz** to radioman second class; **Ray Evans** to technician fifth grade; and **Robert Zettlemoyer** to corporal.

"Thine, O Lord, is the Greatness, the Power, the Glory, and the Victory"

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LET US PRAY

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The Scripture Reading

I Chronicles 29:11-15

THINE, O Lord, is the greatness and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for all that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine; thine is the kingdom, O Lord, and thou art exalted as head above all.

Both riches and honour come of thee, and thou reignest over all; and in thine hand is power and might; and in thine hand it is to make great, and to give strength unto all.

But who am I, and what is my people, that we should be able to offer so willingly after this sort? for all things come of thee, and of thine own have we given thee.

For we are strangers before thee, and sojourners, as were all our fathers: our days on earth are as a shadow, and there is none abiding.

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THE HYMN

JESUS, STILL LEAD ON

Jesus, still lead on,
Till our rest be won;
And although the way be cheerless
We will follow, calm and fearless;
Guide us by Thy hand
To our fatherland.

If the way be drear,
If the foe be near,
Let not faithless fears o'ertake us,
Let not faith and hope forsake us;
For through many a foe
To our home we go.

When we seek relief
From a long-felt grief,
When temptations come alluring
Make us patient and enduring;
Show us that bright shore
Where we weep no more.

Jesus, still lead on,
Till our rest be won;
Heavenly Leader, still direct us,
Still support, console, protect us,
Till we safely stand
In our fatherland.

—Nicholaus Ludwig von Zinzendorf, 1721
Tr. by Jane Borthwick, 1846.

For the Victory Won

ALmighty God, our Heavenly Father, Whose mercies are new unto us every morning and Who, though we have in no wise deserved Thy goodness, dost abundantly provide for all our wants of body and soul: Give us, we pray Thee, Thy Holy Spirit, that we may with one accord heartily acknowledge Thy merciful goodness toward us in vouchsafing to us and to our allies in arms the Victory over the part of our foes now subject to Thy judgment. Confound, we beseech Thee, those others that devise mischief and bring their endeavors to naught, that they, too, may no longer be able to wreak their evil designs upon us. May we, in Thy granting of these, our petitions, heartily acknowledge Thy merciful goodness toward us, give thanks for all Thy benefits, and serve Thee in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord. Amen.

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For Those In Service

ALmighty God, our Heavenly Father, let Thy protection be upon all who are in the service of our Country, guarding them from all harm and danger of body and soul; sustain and comfort those at home, especially in their hours of loneliness, anxiety and sorrow; prepare the dying for death and the living for Thy service; give success to our arms on land and sea and in the air; and grant unto us and all nations a speedy, just and lasting peace, to the Glory of Thy Name and the coming of Thy Kingdom; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord. Amen.

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For the Ministry of Mercy

Most Merciful Father, Who dost commit to our love and care our fellowmen in their necessities, Graciously be with and prosper all those who are seeking and ministering to the sick and wounded; let their ministry be abundantly blessed in bringing ease to the suffering, comfort to the sorrowing, and peace to the dying, knowing that inasmuch as they do it unto the least of these, Christ's brethren, they do it unto Him, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever One God, world without end. Amen.

PLEASE READ

DEAR READERS: As you turn the succeeding pages of this issue of Stars you will see the familiar faces of the pastors of 32 of Bethlehem's Protestant churches, churches that are participating in the magazine. The interest and cooperation of these clergymen have contributed greatly to the success of Stars, for it is to them that we have turned when we wanted to promote the project. We are publishing their pictures for a two-fold purpose: As a compliment to them for their support of Stars, and because we believe those of you who are members of their several parishes will be glad to see their faces again, if not in the flesh, at least in pictures. We are only sorry that not all of the pastors of our participating churches sent in their photos. Missing are the pastors of West Side Moravian, Fritz Methodist, St. Luke's Evangelical, Rosemont Lutheran and the North Side Presbyterian churches.

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For All Chaplains

LET Thine especial blessing, O Gracious Father, rest upon the Chaplains in the Army, Navy and all other services, and upon all who minister to the souls of those who go forth to war; grant them the help of Thy Holy Spirit, courageously to war against sin, and to lead men to Christ, the only Saviour; grant them grace and strength to follow His example in their life and conversation; and so bless all their ministrations that they may awaken the careless, strengthen the weak, confirm and encourage the doubting and despondent, comfort the suffering and speak peace to the dying; through the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord. Amen.

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For the Bereaved

HAVE compassion, O Lord, upon all who mourn and upon all who are lonely and desolate; be Thou their Comforter and Friend; give them such earthly solace as Thou seest to be best for them, and, bringing them to fuller knowledge of Thy love, do Thou wipe away all their tears; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

(Prayers are from the Evangelical Lutheran Common Service Book)



★ This picture of Sgt. Robert K. Hartzell was taken last December 23 in a base hospital in the European area when he was awakened to view the Christmas tree erected by the boys at the hospital. The hour was 2 o'clock! (Remember when you were a kid and couldn't sleep for hours on Christmas Eve and kept the family awake asking, "Ma, what time is it now?") Bob, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas H. Hartzell, 1116 Stanley Avenue, was wounded in the hand in Italy last winter. He has been recovering in Richmond, Va. The tree pictured is of spruce from the Italian hills; the fire place of boxes; trimmings of tinsel and balls as near like home as possible.

A LETTER HOME

★ Fritz Memorial Methodist Service Club received a letter from Lt. John Dennis headed "March 2, Somewhere in Germany," parts of which make interesting reading. He starts: "This seems a fine time to be acknowledging a Christmas present but inasmuch as I just now received it in the mail, it was impossible for me to do so sooner. The reason for the delay is due to the fact that I went back to England, was there awhile, and then came back to the continent. I've moved around the continent quite a bit, hence my mail has difficulty in keeping up with me. In fact, I am now getting my Xmas mail . . ."

Apropos the Christmas theme of "Peace, good will," etc., John wrote, "The men who write the peace will have a big job, a job of responsibility that has been entrusted to them by millions of people. The future lies in their hands, so that a catastrophe like this war can be averted (in the future). It seems to me that they could utilize the lessons of the 'Great Teacher' so that a world of peace built on mutual trust and confidence will be the result." To which we all say, "Amen!" John.

He says, further, "While I'm writing to you I might say a word about the chaplains. The Army has realized what an important function they perform and chaplains get full cooperation from commanding officers. The chaplains themselves do a good job, and very often under difficult conditions, but I've found that where they can help, they will be there, administering to spiritual needs, or even to the personal troubles of the soldiers."

We hope you received your last issue of Stars, John. Best of luck.

DECLARATION

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IN BRIGHT ARRAY

Hunger, thirst, disease unknown,
On immortal fruits they feed;
Them the Lamb amidst the throne
Shall to living fountains lead;
Joy and gladness banish sighs;
Perfect love dispel all fears;
And forever from their eyes
God shall wipe away the tears.

—James Montgomery, 1819

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★ On April 8 Lieut. (j.g.) James E. Patton, a pilot in the Air Corps of the Naval Reserve, gave his life for his country—killed in combat in the Aleutians. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Patton, 640 Hamilton Avenue. Memorial services were held for him at Nativity Cathedral Church, Dean W. Robert Webb officiating, and a gold star has been affixed to the service flag of the congregation. Lieut. Patton had been in the service since May 7, 1942 and was commissioned in December of that year. He was a graduate of Lehigh University, class of 1939, and of Liberty Hi, class of 1935.

★ Pvt. Charles Roach, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Roach, Tenacre Avenue, was killed in action last November 15.

★ Memorial services were held May 6 at 9 a. m. in St. John's Windish Church for Pvt. Rudolph Kerchmar, son of Joseph and the late Ann Kerchmar, 631 Conestoga Street. Kerchmar was killed in action in Germany. He had served since June, 1943 in the Air Forces. After completing training at Camp Howzie, Texas, he was transferred to the Infantry and sent overseas on February 6. Surviving are his father and two sisters, Mary, at home, and Mrs. Thomas Olsen, New York City. His pastor, Dr. E. A. Stiegler, officiated at the memorial rite.

★ Death in action of Pvt. George B. Sandoe, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. George B. Sandoe of 49 West Spruce Street, was confirmed by the War Department recently. Sandoe was first reported wounded April 11 on Okinawa. Later the Army sent word he had been killed April 9. He had been in service since November, 1943 and was a veteran of many Philippine engagements and holder of the Expert Infantryman Badge. The young soldier had been a member of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church.

★ A gold star is on the service flag of Nativity Episcopal Church in memory of *Lt. Gilbert Harlan Kauffman*, pilot of a B-24 Liberator bomber who was killed in Italy on the 15th of January. He had been overseas since November, 1944 and in the Air Force since February 26, 1942. He was a graduate of Liberty Hi, class of 1939, and had attended Muhlenberg College. A brother, *Albert*, is an electrician's mate third class in the Navy.

★ First Presbyterian, North Side, lists *Pfc. Merritt R. Pharo, Jr.* as a war casualty and has placed a gold star on the service flag in his memory. Pharo was killed March 27 in combat in Germany, a telegram to his wife, the former Augusta Montgomery, Bethlehem R. D. 2, stated. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Pharo, 2897 Easton Avenue. He had been in the army since July 24, 1944 and overseas from just after the Christmas holidays, serving in a machine gun squad in Patton's Third Army. His last and only furlough home was at Christmas time, when his infant daughter, Susan Virginia, was baptized.

★ Memorial services were held May 6 in St. Paul's Reformed Church for *Pvt. Warren W. Wright*, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ebon R. Wright, 1431 Center St. *Pvt. Wright* was killed in action in Germany April 6. Members of the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and Disabled Veterans of America, together with their auxiliaries, attended the rite. The young soldier, who had been in the army since February 17, 1944 and overseas with the 254th Infantry, was a charter member of the Sons of the American Legion, Post 379, of Wilbur Chapter, DeMolay, of St. Paul's Church and the Sunday School.

Survivors include his parents (his father is a veteran of overseas action in World War I), three brothers, two of them in the Army, and a sister.

★ St. Peter's Lutheran Church honored the memory of *Pfc. William F. Kropf*, one of the sons of the congregation, who lost his life serving with the U. S. Marines on Okinawa May 15, at services conducted by the pastor, Dr. Corson C. Snyder. His is the eighth gold star on the church service flag. He was a confirmed member of the church. *Pvt. Kropf* enlisted April 16, 1942, one day after his 17th birthday. He was the son of Mrs. Charles Kropf and the late Mr. Kropf. His mother resides at 745 East Fairview St.

★ Members of the congregation of St. Paul's Reformed Church paid



REV. CHESTER L. BRACHMAN
St. Paul's Reformed

tribute to the memory of *Pfc. Warren W. Wright* at memorial Sunday morning services in charge of Rev. C. L. Brachman, pastor. The choir sang a special anthem and members of the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars and Disabled American Veterans and their auxiliaries attended. An American flag was presented to *Pfc. Wright's* family by Frederick Amigo. Pastor Brachman placed the gold star on the service banner. Many floral tributes decorated the church.

★ Memorial services for *Pfc. Stanley K. Williams, U.S.M.C.*, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. K. Williams, Sr., 722 Broadway, were held in the Cathedral Church of the Nativity, Dean Roscoe T. Foust and Associate Rector Robert W. Webb officiating. Williams was fatally wounded on Iwo Jima February 20. He was sent overseas in August, 1944. He was a graduate of Bethlehem Hi, class of '43.

★ *Pvt. Paul B. McCleery, U.S.M.C.*, 22, son of Mr. and Mrs. John McCleery, 525 Tenth Avenue, was killed in action on June 6 on Okinawa, according to word to his parents from the War Department. He was a member of Wesley Methodist Church. He had been in the Marines since May 20, 1944 and overseas with the 6th Marine Division since last October. Surviving beside his parents are two brothers, *Pfc. Robert McCleery*, Army Signal Corps, New Guinea; and *John G. McCleery*, Birmingham, Ala.; and sisters *Janice* and *Ruth McCleery*.

★ Our deepest sympathies and prayers are for the comfort of *Mrs. Ralph Snyder* upon confirmation of an earlier announcement that her husband, *Pfc. Ralph Snyder*, had lost his life in action in Germany. Mrs. Snyder is the former *Jean Lutz*.

★ Two gold stars have been placed on the Service Flag of New Jeru-

salem Church, Leithsville, recently. One is in honor of *Pfc. Richard Mowrey*, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Mowrey, Bethlehem R. D. 4, who was killed in action March 24 in Germany. He was attached to the 17th Airborne Division, having been drafted April 6, 1943. He landed in England in August, 1944. Dick was a junior at Hellertown Hi when he answered the call to the colors. He was popular as an athlete, starring in baseball and soccer. He was a member of New Jerusalem Lutheran Church. Surviving are his parents, sister *Lottie* and four brothers, *Pvt. Elmer Mowrey*, *Milton Mowrey S 2/c*, *Russell* and *Sylvanus*.

★ On April 21 a telegram from the War Department informed Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Miller, of Leithsville, of the death in action in the Philippines of their son, *Pfc. Warren Miller*. Warren had been attached to the 187th Paraglider unit. He was inducted in February of 1943 and was 21 years of age. Besides his parents, four brothers and three sisters survive him.

★ This community has lost its first B-29 "Super-fortress" commander. He is *2nd Lt. Clemence W. Halteman, Jr., AAF*, who was killed in an accident May 10 off Guam when his plane plunged into the sea on the takeoff. A letter written by him dated May 4 and received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Halteman, of Butztown, May 12, described a flight he had made with a B-29 formation over Tokyo in which he saw the city aflame. Young Halteman, always an aircraft enthusiast and a charter member of the Model Airplane Club, enlisted in August, 1942, in the Air Force and was called to service March 19, 1943. He served as a gunnery pilot aboard a B-17 for some time and last April was given his last assignment, going overseas as lead pilot in a double formation of B-29s. His father is a veteran of the first World War and both Mr. and Mrs. Halteman are engaged in war work. A brother and a sister also survive, as does his maternal grandmother.

Memorial services were held Sunday, June 24, in Salem Lutheran Church for *Lt. Halteman, Dr. G. Franklin Gehr*, pastor, officiating. Members of Post 379, American Legion, and Post 855, Veterans of Foreign Wars, attended. The choir sang two special numbers in tribute to the dead soldier and a letter from *Lt. Halteman's* chaplain to the family describing how he met his death was read by *Raymond Bieber*, church secretary.



REV. WILLIAM C. BERKEMEYER
St. Matthew's Lutheran

OVER "THE HUMP"

★ Lieut. Jack Tyson who is located in Northeast India, flying the "Hump" recently wrote to one of his friends:

"Last night we took out of here under the barest of weather minimums. China was wide open but the Hump itself was showing her teeth with solid instrument conditions, turbulence and clear ice. The winds aloft exceeded one hundred and ten miles per hour. We went over in one grand big hurry with all that wind behind us. We dumped our cargo in China and when we turned back I'll admit I was shivering and quaking in my boots. It was a pitch-black night if there ever was one, and in addition, I'm not too sure of these instrument take-offs as yet. One hour out on instruments, I lost my number two gyro, the main blind flying instrument, and had to improvise with the ball-bank and the visual parts of the robot-pilot.

"We began picking up ice and due to the cumulous development causing static, we had to do without most of our radio aids for navigation. We had just enough gas to get home and make our let-down through the stuff, but not enough to play around with orientation problems. Then, excessive wind which plays anywhere within a forty degree angle could throw our dead reckoning off by fifty miles either way on a two hundred mile run. This was bad enough without the gimlet eyed check pilot throwing suspicious glances at me, although after the first hour he was more interested in getting home safely to his nice warm "sack" than casting any dispersions at my flying ability.

"We hit our first check about forty miles south, determined with the loop; made our correction and pulled out over the

hump proper at seventeen thousand. We figured we were making only around a hundred. We ran out our ETA and picked up our "Homing Beacon" and Glory to God, we hit it right smack on the nose. We then got our clearance to climb out on top and hold over the station.

"Now we can't hold up there any too long because the engines burn gas, and the only thing we had lots of was ice, so we climb out at twenty thousand and I tell you those stars were like the Merciful hand of Heaven stretched out to a drowning person; but what's this! one star is too close and yet another—and here is every other guy and his brother holding up there too, so we bounce around doing our darn-dest to keep out of each others way.

"Nothing gets on one's nerves as much as dodging ships at night as you can never tell which way they are going except it looks as though you are to be run down the next second. None of us wanted to pull very far away from the station as it might be hard to pick up again. So we waited our turn to start our let-down. First come first served; so we watched and dodged; watched the gas guages while our hands and feet froze solid and our foreheads sweated. We finally got our clearance to drop down into the stuff; full carburetor heat, pitot heat, prop alcohol, and defrosters, and the most horrid thoughts of what you would do to the guy who made that faulty gyro.

"Now the question arose as to the engines. You have to cut your engines back to descend, thereby cooling your engines. If, however, they get too cool, they detonate and ice up so that they won't run. This can happen in twenty seconds by test and that isn't very long. One must play with them. High RPM, gear down, slow air-speed, a constant decent of 500 feet per minute and enough manifold pressure to keep your engines from icing up. We finally broke out at about four thousand with the field right under us. We called the tower and I set her down with about half a hours gas left. After landing we learned that a boy who left China fifteen minutes before we did, didn't make it; down and unreported. I assure you, Charlie, religion is one thing you speedily acquire over here in case you



VERY REV. W. ROBERT WEBB
Nativity Cathedral Church

have strayed too far from the fold.

"Tonight the Hump is closed, that is, there is more chance you won't make it than chances you will. The main difficulty is ice. These ships will carry a lot of ice, its true, but there are conditions over here where you can pick up more ice in five minutes than six ships will carry and there is no warning. All of a sudden its there. Les, the Good Lord watches over you if you fly the Hump—Rock the Ridge as we say. Here's the sequence—Pray—hold your altitude pray. I suppose the boys flying the hump, myself included, are all cowards; we're all scared stiff at times and the more we're scared the louder our prayers."



★ It's always a pleasure to print pictures of Stars' personalities in interesting or unusual situations. This one is of Truman J. Reese, technician 5th grade, who has been assigned for some time past to the Armed Forces Institute at Rome where he is in charge of the testing and accreditation department. The interesting building in the background is a portion of St. Peter's, one of the most famous of the world's churches. The fountain is not identified for us, but perhaps some "Romophile" can tell Stars readers in some future issue what it is. Truman, recently broadcast on a radio forum program heard throughout the Mediterranean area, the subject under discussion "The Rotation Problems of Our Troops Coming Home." He reports enjoying seeing the picture of Pvt. Granville Schupp, Jr., his brother-in-law, and of Corp. Darvon Nelson, a good friend whom he has not seen for three years, in a past issue of Stars.



REV. T. C. BROWN
Grace Reformed - New Jerusalem

BLESSED EVENTS

★ On January 21, 1945 *Baby Jane Uhler* was welcomed into the family circle of *Major and Mrs. Edward A. Uhler*, now of Fort Worth, Texas. Major Uhler is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Marcus Uhler, 628 High Street. He is married to the former Margaret Anne Whitley of Fort Worth, the ceremony taking place July 30, 1943 at the University Christian Church, Ft. Worth. He has been in service since June 6, 1942 and was promoted to major on his father's birthday, February 9, 1944.

★ A daughter, christened *Beverly Adrienne*, was born March 29 in Duke Memorial Hospital, Peru, Ind., to Lt. (j. g.) and *Mrs. Bernard Benner*. Lt. Benner is a flight instructor in the Navy Air Corps at Bunker Hill Nav-

al Air Station. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Benner, 529 16th Avenue. His wife is the former Marion Pritz of 1543 Maple St. Both are members of West Side Moravian Church.

★ A son was born January 31 to *M/Sgt. and Mrs. Arthur Male*, the former now of Ft. Lewis, Washington, the latter of Madison, N. J. Mrs. Male is living with her parents at Madison. Arthur is the son of Mrs. J. Male, Hawthorne House. He has been in the Army since May 9, 1942.

★ A girl, their second daughter, was born March 16 to *Lt. and Mrs. Donald Wright*, 1014 Moravian Street, in Sacred Heart Hospital, Allentown. She has been named *Mary Alice*. The newcomer arrived the day after Daddy left for overseas in the Pacific area. Lt. Wright is a member of St. Mark's Church.

★ A new daughter, *Penelope Rose*, born to Mr. and Mrs. D. Anthony Medei. Tony is in the Navy serving in the North Pacific.

★ *Judith Lee*, new daughter of *Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Meredith*. Mrs. Meredith we know as *Mary Louise Yearick* and Tom is serving in an Infantry battalion somewhere in Germany.



REV. A. M. GOTTSCHALL
St. John's Evangelical



Major and Mrs. Edward A. Uhler
and daughter Jane.



Sgt. and Mrs. Arthur Male
and infant son.



★ Pictured is the Sunrise Easter religious service in the theatre area at Sence Place in the Admiralty Islands, held April 1, 1945. The photograph was sent to *Rev. Chester L. Brachman*, whose congregation, St. Paul's Reformed, is one of Star's staunchest supporters, by *E. K. Ettwein*, MM 3/e, now in the South Pacific.

★ Then too, there's *Craig Lynn*, son of *Mr. and Mrs. Arthur R. Bomboy*, born Feb. 9th. Art is in the Navy serving in the South Pacific.

★ And *Judith Lee*, daughter of *Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Yeager, Jr.*, born in the early part of March. Raymond is in the Army Air Force stationed at Luke Field, Phoenix, Arizona.

DAN'L CUPID - HIS CORNER



Petty Officer and Mrs. LeRohn Deysher

The marriage of *Abigail McCauley*, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John C. McCauley, of Bryn Mawr, formerly of Bethlehem, and *Petty Officer 1st Class LeRohn D. Deysher*, son of Mrs. Maurice Deysher of 1436 Center Street, this city, took place April 10 in Lower Merion Baptist Church. The Rev. Dr. B. L. Scott officiated at the double ring ceremony.

The bride was given in marriage by her father. Her gown was of white net over satin, with tight bodice, circular train and finger tip veil. She carried a colonial bouquet of white roses and white lilacs. Mrs. Imogene Miller, of Bethlehem, was her matron of honor. Her gown was blue net over taffeta, with matching bonnet. She carried a colonial bouquet of spring flowers. Sally Ann Deysher, niece of the bridegroom, was flower girl and wore pink net over taffeta, with matching bonnet and carried a small colonial bouquet of spring flowers.

Robert Davis Cummings, nephew of the bride was ring bearer. Anthony Wyhopen, Mus. 1/c, of Clifton, N. J. was best man. Ushers were Merritt Deysher, of Bethlehem, brother of the bridegroom and John McCauley, of Bryn Mawr, brother of the bride.

The wedding music was played by Mrs. Merritt Deysher and Miss Sallie Zimmerman, of Bryn Mawr, was the soloist. A reception followed the ceremony at the home of the bride after which the couple left for the Pocono Mountains on their wedding trip.

The bride is a graduate of Liberty High School and Bryn Mawr Hospital School of Nursing. The bridegroom, also a graduate of Liberty

High School, was graduated from the U. S. Navy School of Music in Washington, D. C. Petty Officer Deysher has returned after 23 months of service in the Pacific aboard a battleship where he has participated in 12 major engagements.



Cpl. and Mrs. Edward Steager

★ Here's a Bethlehem lad who's won a bonny English lass for his bride. *Cpl. Edward A. Steager*, son of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Steager, 329 Vine Street, married *Florence Hutson*, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Hutson, 27 Barnwell Road, Brixton, England. Florence is a member of Britain's famous WAAF, counterpart of which is our WAC. Ed, to whom we extend our congratulations and best wishes, has been overseas since August, 1942, and in service since February of the same year.

★ Two weddings from among the ranks of St. Paul's Reformed servicemen have been reported, the principals (male) being brothers, sons of Mr. and Mrs. William R. Hersch, 53 West Ettwein Street.

Lieut. Joseph Hersch, U.S.M.C., married *Nannette Darling, R.N.*, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Darling of Frankfort, Ind., on December 21, 1944 in the chapel at Camp Elliott, San Diego, Calif. Chaplain Sitler, U. S. Navy, tied the knot in a double ring ceremony.

Ensign William R. Hersch, on March 3, last, took to wife *Hallah M. Rodgers*, daughter of Mr. and Mrs.



REV. JOHN R. WASER
Emmanuel Evangelical

I. G. Rodgers, Cookeville, Tenn., the Rev. C. L. Brachman officiating in his parsonage. Joseph is on ship duty, based in California; William has recently returned from overseas duty on the U. S. S. Gleaves.

★ *Glenn Cooper* and *Ann Jones* were united in marriage in the Ebenezer Evangelical Church in Allentown, on Feb. 4th. Our hearty congratulations and best wishes to both. Glenn is in the Navy.

★ The engagement of *Miss Beulah Spengler* and *Pfc. Harold F. Lacey* was announced April 16 by Miss Spengler's sister, Viola. The two young people are members of Emmanuel Evangelical - Congregational Church. Pfc. Lacey recently had a 45 day furlough at home after a three-year tour of duty overseas.



Flt. Officer and Mrs. John P. Limons

★ Among the recent weddings reported to Stars is that of *Flight Officer John P. Limons* and *Mary Moyer* of Quakertown. The nuptial knot was well tied by Rev. Benjamin Lotz, pastor of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, assisted by the Rev. Kenneth McFall of the Evangelical Church in Quakertown.



REV. A. AUGUSTUS WELSH
Christ Reformed



Sgt. and Mrs. Henry Keek

★ The marriage of *Arlene E. Schleifer*, twin daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elton Schleifer of Centre Valley, to *Sgt. Henry M. Keek*, son of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Keek, Bethlehem R. D. #4, a veteran of more than two years service in the China-Burma-India theatre of war, took place at 4 p. m., Sunday, March 18, in Lower Saucon Church. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Daniel D. Kistler, pastor of Coopersburg Lutheran parish, assisted by Rev. Robert Krauss, pastor of Lower Saucon Lutheran Church.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride was attended by her twin sister, *Irene*. *Sgt. Charles Kuhns*, of Bethlehem, was best man and *Joseph Kessler*, of Bethlehem, and *Edward Broadhead*, of Bethlehem, R. D. #4, were ushers.

Organ music was supplied by *Evelyn Schleifer*, a sister of the bride, and *Mrs. Paul Koplin* offered two vocal numbers. A reception followed at the bride's home.

After a furlough of 21 days the bridegroom reported at Miami Beach, Fla., for reassignment, accompanied by his bride. They spent their honeymoon there.

★ February 3 was the wedding day of *S/Sgt. LeRoy L. Bachman* and

Sgt. Virginia Hazzard, the ceremony being performed in the Cathedral Church of The Nativity, of which the bride is a member. *Sgt. Bachman* belongs to Grace E. & R. Church. *Mrs. Bachman* is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Hazzard, University Heights, and her husband the son of



S/Sgt. and Mrs. LeRoy L. Bachman

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbert Bachman of Scidersville. *Sgt. Bachman* received his honorable discharge June 1. His bride was released from the Marines April 19.

★ *Mr. and Mrs. Frank Snyder* recently announced the engagement of their daughter, *Dorothy Kauker*, to *Victor F. Hahn, PhM., 2/c*. *Hahn* has been in the Navy two years and is now in the Pacific area. He is a member of Nativity Church and a former member of the choir and Y. P. F.

★ The marriage of *Hilda A. Gunst*, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gunst, and *Cpl. Frederick L. Young*, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Young of Allentown, was solemnized March 31 at 4:30 p. m. in the Old Moravian Chapel with the Rev. P. S. Meinert officiating. The bride, attended by *Mrs. Chester Kubik* as maid of honor, was given in marriage by her father.

She wore a white satin gown, tulle veil, tiara of orange blossoms and carried white Easter lilies. Maid of honor and bridesmaid were, respectively, *Miss Martha Schaedler* and *Miss Margaret Skreptack*. They wore matching gowns of net and satin and carried Spring bouquets.

Earl Young was best man and *Cpl. Michael Pavik* and *Pvt. Erwin Schbheutti* were ushers.

Cpl. and Mrs. Young honeymooned in Florida. The bridegroom is a veteran of 25 months in the Southwest Pacific with the Fifth Air Force.



Lt. and Mrs. Charles Ford

★ The wedding of *Lt. Charles S. Ford*, Army Air Force, and *Jeanette E. Musselman*, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Musselman, Bethlehem R. D. 1, took place January 3, last. *Lt. Ford* was commissioned and received his wings December 23, 1944, at Moody Field, Valdosta, Ga. He was stationed at Lincoln, Neb. The young couple are members of Wesley Methodist Church.

★ St. Stephen's Lutheran Church was the scene of a beautiful wedding on Sunday, April 22, at 4:00 o'clock when *Elizabeth Adelaide Harpel* daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Harpel of 176 Washington Avenue, was married to *Pvt. John Warren Bicking*, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clement Bicking of 580 Benner Avenue, Fountain Hill, by the Rev. D. H. Frederick, pastor. The double ring ceremony was used.

The bride wore a gown of net and a short veil attached to a halo of white flowers. She carried a bouquet of calla lilies and lilies-of-the-valley. Her only attendant, her sister *Beatrice*, wore a gown of powder blue lace and net. She carried a bouquet of yellow roses and pink sweet peas. An uncle of the bridegroom, *Chester Klotz*, was best man. Ushers were brothers of the bride, *Edward* and *Raymond Harpel*.

John Thomas, soloist, sang "O Promise Me" and "I Love You Truly." He was accompanied at the organ by *Milton Buss*, who played the traditional wedding marches. The bride was given in marriage by her father.

Mrs. Bicking is employed at Rollers-Smith Co. The bridegroom is stationed at Dunalk, Md. after seeing action in the European theatre of war.



Lt. Sterner is a member of the class of 1937, Liberty Hi, and of the class of '40, B.B.C. He entered the service in September, 1943 from employment with Bethlehem Steel. His bride was employed in the offices of the AAF.

★ The engagement of *Miss Marian Adair*, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Adair, 528 Ninth Avenue, to *Ens. Francis Schrader*, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Schrader 1412 Chelsea Avenue, was recently announced. Ensign Schrader is now serving with the Pacific Fleet. He is a member of St. Stephen's Lutheran Church.

★ The wedding of *Eugene Elliott*, *MOMM 3/c*, son of Mrs. J. Elliott, 823 North New St., and the late Mr. Elliott, to *Jean Zug*, also of Bethlehem, took place March 28 at 8 p. m. in Wesley Methodist Church. Pastor Alonzo Fite officiated. 'Gene' was home on a 72-hour pass.

★ *John A. Kincaid, Cox, U.S.N.* son of Mrs. Mary Kincaid was married in Kelso, Wash., on December 14 to *Miss Winfred Erskine*, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Erskine of 5717 N. E. 16th Avenue, Portland, Ore. John is a diver somewhere in the South Pacific.



HIGH SPOT IN BETHLEHEM BOY'S LIFE



Top picture: Ens. Francis Schrader and fiancée Marian Adair; next below, MOMM 3/e and Mrs. Eugene Elliott; next, Lt. and Mrs. A. Sterner; bottom, Cox. and Mrs. John A. Kincaid.

★ The marriage of *Lt. Allen R. Sterner, U. S. Army Air Forces*, of Bethlehem, and *Virginia M. Sembera*, of Houston, Texas, was solemnized on St. Valentine's Day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Bliss Willie, of Houston. During the last week in March the happy couple spent some time here while Lt. Sterner was home on leave. They are now residing at Alexandria, La., where the young officer is continuing his studies as navigator aboard a B-17 "Flying Fortress."



★ When the death of *Ernie Pyle*, war correspondent extraordinary, was announced the news of his passing came as a shock to everyone who had ever read his column, for Ernie seemed one of those indestructible mortals whom death could not touch in spite of his frankly avowed fear of meeting his end. Sometime before his death it fell to the lot of a Bethlehem soldier of the Air Force, *Cpl. Maurice T. Johnston*, son of Mrs. and the late Robert T. Johnston, 509 Carlton Avenue, to pay a visit to the movie lot in Hollywood where *Bergess Meredith* and a supporting cast were engaged in filming the story of Ernie's life. This is a picture of Pyle, Johnston, Meredith and a number of other soldiers taken at the time. Left to right are Meredith, who was cast in the role of Pyle; Pyle himself, autographing cards for the boys; and Johnston. On a recent visit home, Johnston came to 1300 Main Street and told Anne (Ye Ed's wife and guiding spirit) something of that visit, and his praise of Ernie Pyle for simplicity, modesty and real interest in GI Joe and his buddies echoed what we all have heard of the immortal little man these past years of war.



DR. CORSON C. SNYDER
St. Peter's Lutheran



DR. J. HOWARD WORTH
Grace Lutheran

We Take Pen In Hand To Say . . .

Psalm 98, entitled "An exhortation to praise God for his judgment," runs thus (King James version):

"O sing unto the Lord a new song:
sing unto the Lord all the earth.

"Sing unto the Lord, bless His name;
shew forth his salvation from day to day.

"Declare His glory among the heathen;
His wonders among all people."

On the back cover of a recent church leaflet brought home from a Sunday service there is a little dissertation called, "In Tune With God," and it has to do with singing.

"People don't sing when they are angry or in a bad temper," it says. "Probably no thief ever sang a song as he climbed in a second-story window although he knew he was in no danger of being caught. Even the crickets in the field stop chirping when they are disturbed by heavy footsteps coming near.

"We sing when we feel in tune. Even if we sing sad songs when we are sorrowful, there is quiet and peace in our sorrow.

"No wonder singing is our most natural language when we worship God . . ."

It goes on to say how fortunate we are to have such a fine heritage of songs and music; such fine instruments with which to accompany our singing; such skillful teachers to help us sing better. It points out that we have a right to sing, and it concludes, "As we sing, the depths of our hearts are unlocked . . . Music is the soul's best language when it seeks to express itself before God. 'Serve the Lord with gladness, come before His presence with singing.'"

One evening in 1918 the writer stood on a street corner in his home town and watched a column of tired, dusty, footsore troops marching to the station to entrain for their first portion of the overseas journey. They were singing, lustily, to the cadence of hobnailed boots on brick. Probably the song was "Over There," or "Tipperary," but no matter, they sang with gusto in spite of weary legs and aching backs weighed down by packs and guns.

And there was something infectious about their singing, something brave and soldierly and wonderful and it wasn't long before many of those who watched joined in . . . with perhaps a catch in more than one voice, but singing nevertheless.

It must have done God's heart good to hear that singing of soldiers and spectators, for it was the chorus of free souls demonstrating their oneness of spirit in an impromptu anthem.

Here in Bethlehem at Christmastime the young people of the schools hold one of the most beautiful of all song festivals, with young, fresh voices raised in Heaven-sent harmonies of familiar carols. How God must rejoice to hear them!

He must be happy every time some burdened human soul escapes its bondage of sorrow and toil and mundane things to the freedom of song, even for the briefest time.

You sons and daughters of our community who are bearing a part of the world's cross; you parents, and wives and sweethearts; everybody—don't forget how to sing!

GRIFFITH R. PULLINGER,
Editor

MANY MILES APART



★ Top: Paul H. Ruth "somewhere in Germany"; below, Troy Ruth, in the South Pacific area. Both boys are veterans of much real action.

★ The sandbags on which Troy H. Ruth, EM 1/c, is squatting amid jungle foliage are in the Russell Islands, Pacific outpost. The picture was taken there before he went to Australia after two years in the jungles. Troy is with a Naval construction unit and has been in the South Pacific thirty months. He was employed by Roller-Smith before entering the service.

The other picture is of Cpl. Paul H. Ruth leaning affectionately on a jeep somewhere in Germany. Paul has been serving with an Engineer battalion of the 80th Division since October 1942. He has been overseas better than 10 months, in combat with Patton's Third Army in Luxembourg and Germany. He is seen standing before a building in a captured German city. Both are sons of Mr. and Mrs. William R. Ruth, 1001 North New Street.



BROTHERS IN ARMS

"All For One and One For All"

★ Add to Brothers in Service, *Carl Wagner, Jr., S 1/c*, and *Paul Wagner, RM 1/c*, Paul, who is at Miami, Fla., donned his "bell bottom trousers and coat of Navy blue" in March, '44. He trained at Bainbridge and Solomons, Md. Carl entered the service in October, 1942, trained at Great Lakes and Norfolk and is now in the South Pacific. The boys are sons of Carl Wagner, Club Avenue, Allentown, and members of Pilgrim Holiness Church.

★ Under Last Taps is reported the death in action of *Pfc. Richard Mowrey*. Listed as survivors are his brothers, *Elmer* and *Milton*. Elmer en-

Mowrey boys are real ball players, evidently!

★ *Major Donald C. Oskin*, who, since his return from overseas has been Liaison Officer for the Aerial Gunnery School at Laredo, Texas, has been assigned to the 4th Army Air Force as Chief Gunnery Officer. Major Oskin will shortly wed Miss Ann Carolyn Cruice of Detroit, Michigan.

★ *Pfc. Clyde H. Oskin Jr.* who has been ill since February 28th in a hospital "somewhere behind the lines" has fully recovered and returned to his unit at the front. The third member of the Oskin family in the



DR. ERNEST A. STIEGLER
St. John's Windish Lutheran

★ Both *Michael Macey, S 2/c* at Cabaniss Field, Texas, and *Corp. Stephen Macey, U.S.M.C.* of Cherry Point, N. C. have been stationed at their respective stations for the past six months or more. Quite unusual to be set for so long in one place, but they seem to like it.



Carl Wagner

Paul Wagner

Mahlon Ernest

Linford Ernest

Lloyd Barber

Byron Barber

tered the Army in February, 1941, and received his training at Indian-town Gap. He was assigned to an MP unit and stationed at Ft. Custer, Mich., where he proved to be a star baseball player, holding down 3rd base on the Ft. Custer semi-pro team which won the State championship in 1944 and went on to play other championship teams of mid-west states. Later he was sent to the post office in New York City to help in the peak months of the mail rush. After four months there he was sent to Camp Lee, Va., and is playing on the Camp Lee nine which opened its season April 6 against the Phillies of the National League, losing 4-2. While a sophomore at Hellertown Hi, Milt, now a seaman second class, decided to enlist in the Navy. He signed up on January 6, last, but was transferred to the Sea-Bees. After training at Davisville, R. I., he was shipped to the South Pacific. Meanwhile, his old ball team down Bingen way anxiously awaits his return. These

service, Ensign W. W. Oskin is on sea duty somewhere in the So. Pacific.

★ *Cpl. William R. Hartzell, USMC* and *Lt. Sinclair W. Chiles, USNR* met recently on Gaum. They had last seen each other in December of 1942. Cpl. Hartzell has been overseas for 25 months. He is a veteran of the invasion of Tarawa and recently of Okinawa. Lt. Chiles has been overseas 14 months and participated in the invasion of Saipan, where he is presently stationed.

★ *Karl L.* and *Kenneth E. Werkheiser*, sons of Mr. and Mrs. George Werkheiser, 166 New St., Hellertown, are both in service. Karl is a seaman first class and an expert in radio, having graduated at Bainbridge in radio school. He is in the Pacific area. Kenneth is a staff sergeant with the 8th Air Force and had been based in England. He wears two battle stars and a Presidential Unit Citation. Both boys are members of Christ Lutheran Church.

★ Here is news of *Lloyd, Byron* and *Leonard Barber*, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Byron Barber, 18 East Union Boulevard, the former two are serving in the Navy. Lloyd is a seaman first class and his brother a seaman second class. Lloyd has a year of service to his credit, starting out at Bainbridge, Md., where he attended yeomanry school. After amphibious radio training at Shoemaker, Calif., he was sent out into the South Pacific, where he is now on active duty.

Byron enlisted in V-6 December 20, 1944 and entered as a seaman second class in the A/C group. After boot training at Memphis, Tenn., he was transferred to Norman, Okla., where he is studying ordnance.

A third brother, *Leonard*, is now studying Electrical engineering at Lehigh University. He served eight months with the Armored Force at Ft. Knox, Ky. The boys are members of Salem Lutheran Church.



William Hartzell

Sinclair Chiles

Milton Mowrey

Elmer Mowrey

Ken Werkheiser

Karl Werkheiser



Ralph Buss



Nelson Buss



Earl Grube



Paul Grube



Charles Bloss



Kenneth Bloss

★ Sons of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Buss, 531 Monroe Street, Freemansburg, Ralph N., F 2/c, and Pvt. Nelson are both members of the First Church of The Nazarene. Ralph is in the South Pacific. He was inducted in September, '44. Nelson is completing Paratroop training at Ft. Benning, Ga. He has been serving since November, 1944.

★ Like the Barber boys, Kermit F., LeRoy F. and Austin G. Reiman, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Reiman, 530 High Street, are in the U. S. Navy,

shipped out to the South Pacific and has seen action at Saipan, the Marshalls, Marianas, Carolines, Leyte, Luzon and Iwo Jima.

The three are graduates of Liberty High. Kermit worked at Bethlehem Steel as a paint foreman; Austin, as a heater; and LeRoy as an observer.

★ Here's a trio from St. John's Windish Lutheran Church consisting of Pfc. Joseph Hari, Steve E. Hari, S 2/c, and the husband of their sister, Irene, Michael Dalmati, chief petty officer, U. S. N. The Hari boys

canal. He has been in the Army since December 17, 1943. His wife, the former Erma Jane Diefenderfer, and daughter, Dolores, are living at 48 W. Fairview St.

Ted, who joined the Navy March 26, 1944, has seen action at Hong-Kong, Formosa and Luzon and is now in the South Pacific. Harry, in service since June 26, 1944 is in Florida. His wife, Lucille Wernette before she was married, and two children, Harry 3rd, and Clinton, live at 631 Martins Lane.



Kermit Reiman



LeRoy Reiman

and all are members of Salem Lutheran Church. Kermit, now in the South Pacific, entered the Navy in March of 1944. After "booting" at Bainbridge, he was sent to Iowa State College for training in Diesel engineering. He graduated there in July of '44 and was shipped out to the South Pacific. At present he is stationed at Guam.

LeRoy is also in the South Pacific and a veteran of action at Saipan, the Marshalls, Marianas, Carolines, Leyte and Luzon. He entered the Navy in February of last year and trained at Great Lakes, transferring to Camp Elliott, California for Radar work. He graduated May, 1944.

Austin has been in the service since September, 1943. After boot training at Sampson, he trained at Bainbridge as an electrician, concluding his course in March, 1944. He



Austin Reiman



Mark Aehey

are the sons of Mrs. Christine Hari, Allentown Rt. 60. Joe is with the Army in Europe, probably Germany, manning the Artillery's big guns. He and his wife, Helen, nee Soldo, are the parents of a small boy, Joe, Jr. Steve is aboard an LCS (L) in the Pacific, having received his amphibious training at Solomons, Md. Mike, son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Dalmati, Easton R. D. 3, has seen action in the Atlantic and Pacific areas. He, like Steve, is in the amphibious branch assigned to an ARB. Mike and Irene are the parents of a wee daughter, Eileen, ten months.

★ Mr. and Mrs. Harry H. Hollinger of 635 Martins Lane have three stars in the family service flag, one each for sons Pvt. Marvin R., Theodore R., S 2/c, and Harry H., S 2/c. Marvin is serving stationed at Guadal-



Warren Aehey



Richard Aehey

★ Kenneth Bloss, WT 2/c, and Charles Bloss, SM 1/c, son of Mrs. Verna Bloss, Steel City, are both in this country at this writing. Ken, husband of the former Virginia Schwartz and daddy of daughters Regina and Georgia, has been serving since March, 1943 and is now at Norfolk, Va. Charles joined up in February, 1944, and is now on the west coast. Both are members of Trinity Evangelical Church.

★ The three sons of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Aehey, 29 East North Street, Richard, SM 3/c, S/Sgt. Mark P. and Warren T., F 1/c, are all serving overseas. Dick, who has been in the Navy since November, 1943, trained first at Bainbridge, then at Chicago University. As this was written he was on his seventh mission. Mark went into uniform September 3, 1940, saw training service in Louisiana,



Steve Hari



Joe Hari



Michael Dalmati



Marvin Hollinger



Theodore Hollinger



Harry Hollinger



REV. HENRY D. BAKER
South Side Presbyterian

and later attended gunnery school at Ft. Knox. After a brief stay at Indiantown Gap, he shipped across. Warren began his Navy career at Sampson, trained in Florida and Texas, and then went to sea.



Harry Eckhart



Clyde Eckhart



Clinton Eckhart



Quintus Eckhart

Corp. Henry Trumbower and Pfc. Ralph Trumbower also with the Marine Corps, are at present stationed at Pearl Harbor. Henry was awarded the Purple Heart after being wounded during action on Saipan. Ralph saw action on Guam and met Henry at the Naval Hospital in Honolulu just before Christmas.

Harry, private first class in the Marines, has been in the South Pacific, to which scene of fighting he sailed in December, 1942. Recently he was home on a 30-day furlough and he is now at the Navy Yard, Philadelphia. On his service ribbons are combat stars of Bougainville, Guam and Palau.



William Hauze, Jr.



Donald Hauze



Richard Hauze



Paul Trumbower



Henry Trumbower



Ralph Trumbower

★ Wesley Methodist Church claims a set of three brothers and a brother-in-law serving Uncle Sam. They are Pvt. George Stearns, overseas in Italy since March of 1944 and wounded twice; Sgt. John H. George, overseas since April, '44, and now in France; Cpl. Robert M. George, with the Field Artillery in Burma since October, '44; and Richard R. George, MM 3/c, stationed at the Norfolk, Va. Naval repair base. The George boys are sons of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. George, 810 Center Street.

Pvt. Paul Trumbower is serving in the Infantry with the Third Army somewhere in Germany.

★ Four sons and one daughter is the proud record of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Baringer, Bethlehem R. D. 4, (Spring Valley). Pictures of the sons are published here and we wish we could include with them their sister Sarah's photo, too, but none was available. Sarah is the widow of Edward Muschlitz, who was killed in France and she has donned the uniform of her country, taking up where her

Kenneth, private first class in the Army, has been serving since May 16, 1943 and was last reported in England, where he has been since November, '43.

Pvt. Warren's pleasant task is fusing bombs for the Air Force boys on Siapan, bombs that spell destruction and defeat for Nip foes. He sailed from the U. S. last January and has been in the Corps since July 5, 1944. ★ St. Thomas Church, Macada, has stars on its service flag for two sons of Russell Grube, Cpl. Paul and Pfc. Earl Grube. Paul was inducted July 1, 1943 and has been overseas for more than a year, serving in New Guinea. He is now with an ordnance unit in the Philippines. Earl was inducted December 9, 1942 and is at Ft. Hancock, N. J. with the Coast Artillery. He is the husband of the former Mildred James.



George Stearns



John George



Robert George



Richard George

★ Mr. and Mrs. Grover Trumbower of 253 E. Ettwein St., have four sons serving in the Armed Forces. All are members of Grace Lutheran Church.

Staff Sgt. Grover Trumbower is located in San Francisco, Cal., with the U. S. Marine Corps, in Signal Supply Services. His picture appeared in the "Stars" on the occasion of his recent marriage.

husband laid down his arms. She is a "bootee" in the WAVES at Bronx, New York.

Ernest, Jr., is the real veteran of the family, for he has been in the Navy since 1936 and is now a bos'n. He's seen most of the lands of the globe and is now in the Pacific area. He recently married Betty Burcau of Bethlehem.

★ Now we come to four brothers and their nephew, Charles, Robert, Edward and William Hawk, and Carl Ritter, son of their sister. The Hawk boys are sons of Mr. and Mrs. Jeremiah Hawk, 1624 Maple Street. Their sister, and Carl's mother, is Mrs. Harry Schaffer, of the same address.

Charles, a corporal, has been in service since before Pearl Harbor. For the past two years he has been in Florida and has a Florida girl for his wife. Robert, who is a private, donned the uniform March 17, 1944



Warren Baringer Harry Baringer Kenneth Baringer Ernest Baringer

and is with the Air Force at Augusta, Ga. in his capacity of radio expert. Edward, master sergeant, has been in the Army over nine years. He has seen Russia, France and Alaska and is now in England. William, private first class, was last reported awaiting overseas duty at Ft. Jackson, S. C. Carl Ritter, EM 3/c, is aboard an aircraft carrier.

are members of St. Paul's Reformed Church. The four are nephews of Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Smith, 1315 High Street.

★ June 16 was a red letter day in the life of *Willard Fitch*, son of Rev. and Mrs. W. R. Fitch, for it was on that day that he received his doctor's degree and his commission as a second lieutenant in the Army's Medical



REV. JAMES A. BYRD
Pilgrim Holiness

to enter the service is the son, *Patrick*, now at Kings Point, N. Y. Daughter *Fannibelle* is a P.F.C. in the Marine Corps; son *James* is an Air Cadet at Brooks Field, San Antonio, Texas, and son *Ensign Walter* is in the Philippines after taking part



William Hawk Edward Hawk Carl Ritter Charles Hawk Robert Hawk

★ Nothing is more indicative of the sacrifices made by families in our and other American communities than this "Brothers" column, for there are, it seems, innumerable cases of two, three, four and even five sons—and daughters, too—serving together for the cause of freedom. *Mr. and Mrs. George Eckhart*, 1218 Wood Street, have given four sons, *Quintus*, *Clinton*, *Clyde* and *Henry*, to the service of their country.

Quintus, husband of the former Evelyn Fulmer, is a member of the Medical Corps on duty in Germany with Patton's army. He lived at Nazareth R. D. 2 and was a member of St. John's Reformed Church, Nazareth. He went to England in January, '44, and from there to France and Germany. Henry, fireman second class in the Navy, was last reported in a Naval hospital in Philadelphia awaiting his discharge. His wife, Elva, and their children, Beulah, Henry, Arlene, Evelyn and Howard live in Nazareth.

Clinton is in the Signal Corps and is living in Upper Darby. His wife, Edelberga and children Robert, Shirley and Janet, are living at 1827 Renwick Street. He is a former employee of Bell Telephone. Clyde, seaman second class, was a junior in Moravian College at the time he entered the Navy in October, 1944. He is at present in Naval Radio Intelligence, Washington, D. C. He and Clinton

Corps. He has been studying at the University of Virginia, Charlottesville. Last December he and Anne Montgomery of South Hill, Va., were married in the Methodist Church at that place.

★ From time to time Stars has news of the *Paden* brothers, *Gerald*, a master sergeant, and *Merrill*, also a master sergeant. A third brother, *Willard*, now is included in the items. He is a seaman second class at Naval Aviation School, Norman, Okla. His engagement to Eleanor Wetzel was announced on Easter Sunday, at which time he was home on boot leave.

Gerald recently was in London and assisted at the Moystyn Red Cross Club in celebrating a reunion of Pennsylvania boys, he met seven from hereabouts. Merrill, when this was written, was in France where he had acquired a new girl friend, aged nine, by name Jacqueline. Jacqueline has a small brother, Max, who has also won Merrill's affection, so much so that he keeps Max's shoes brightly shined to give the youngster pleasure.

★ *Lt. Joseph Tomanich* was home over Easter from Wilmington, No. Carolina.

★ His brother, *Sgt. Martin Tomanich*, is at Camp Maxey, Texas, training the Infantry.

★ Fourth and latest member of the *Anders* family, 730 Cherokee Street,

in the invasion of Leyte.

★ Two brothers again (we have quite a few families at St. John Slovak with two members in Service) *Corp. Robert Skulteti* and *Emil Skulteti*, S 1/c are both in the Pacific area. One with the Army in the Philippines the other with the Navy on a D.E. They both look forward to early return to the States.

★ *Joseph Yamnicky*, S 1/c, recently again as on past occasions remembered both his Church, St. John Slovak Lutheran, and pastor with a gift. He writes that it would be good to touch solid ground after being tossed about on a D.E., but until he can do that he welcomes the "Stars" and church bulletins which are sent to him regularly.

★ His brother, *Michael Yamnicky*, S 1/c, aboard a cruiser has had interesting experiences, the most singular of which was his meeting the late President Roosevelt on the trip to Yalta. He is very proud of the fact that as a worker at Bethlehem Steel he helped in the building of the Quincy.

★ The three sons of Mr. and Mrs. George Lichtenwalner, of 1377 Whitaker St., Hellertown, are all in Germany. *George* is in the 1st Army and *James* is in the Air Force. Jim holds a Unit Citation ribbon. *Russell* was given his two stripes just before going overseas. All are members of Christ Lutheran Church.



REV. BYRON R. STAUFFER
Christ Lutheran, Hellertown



★ And here we have two brothers and a sister, left to right: **Kenneth J. Drauch, Flight Officer**; **Jeanne V. Drauch, WA VE, S 1/c**; and **Edward R. Drauch, AMM 3/c**, sons and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leidy Drauch, Bethlehem R. D. 2. Dad is a vet of World War I and also served in this war with the 33rd Infantry Division in the Mohjave Desert, California and at Ft. Lewis, Washington, for nine months, enlisting September 29, 1942 and serving to June 5, 1943, when he was transferred to the Enlisted Reserve. Son Kenneth was inducted September 14, 1943 at the age of 19 and was assigned to the Air Corps. He qualified as an Air Cadet at Greensboro, N. C. and sent to University of Chattanooga, Tenn., for six months. After intermediate steps he graduated April 15, last, at Perrin Field, Texas, as a pilot with the rank of Flight Officer. Jeanne has been serving since July 7, 1944 and is at present at Washington, D. C. Edward signed up with the Gobs at the age of 17 on June 5, 1943 for a four-year hitch. He was assigned to Naval air base in Cuba for a year and is at present at the U. S. Naval Air Station, Patuxent River, Md.



REV. REUBEN GROSS
Edgeboro Moravian

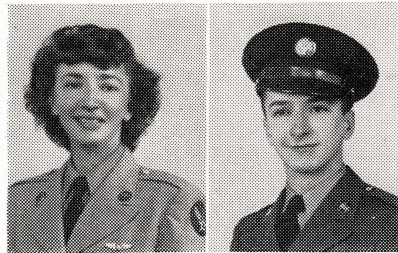
★ "Stars" is always proud and happy to print any authentic news and reproduce any pictures of any service man, even though he is not a member of a participating church, providing a magazine is sponsored in his name. Every church in the city and neighboring towns of Hellertown, Freemansburg, and Fountain Hill has been invited to join in making the magazine available to its service roster and the invitation still holds good, as has been made clear numerous times.



★ **Cpl. Jean M. Deibler, WAC**, is attached to a Wires Company Communications, and, since entering service in December, 1942, has seen overseas service in the last two years in England, North Africa and Italy. She trained at Daytona Beach and Camp Polk. **Cadet Nurse Mildred E. Hottle** has completed her preliminary training in the U. S. Cadet Nurse Corps and is now a Junior Nurse. She was capped at candlelight ceremonies at Franklin Square Nurses Home, Baltimore, Md. Prior to enrolling as a nurse student, Mildred was employed by Bethlehem Steel. She had been organist for Trinity E & R Church, Freemansburg. She is the daughter of Mrs. W. S. Hottle.



★ This tall chap is **M/Sgt. Norwood Wagner** and the picture was taken in Pompeii, Italy. When we were at the age when novels were just becoming fascinating reading, we read Bulwer Lytton's dramatic and dripping "Last Days of Pompeii," and seeing Norwood's picture amid Pompeian scenes we wonder if he has read the classic story, and if so, whether he enjoyed his visit to the city whose last days are so vividly described by Lytton's skilled pen the more for having read it. Norwood is now (at this writing) in Marseilles, France with the 5th Hdq. Ordnance Section.



★ Reunion after three years and eight months separation came for **WAC Lena Kalmar** and her brother, **T/5 Lewis Kalmar**, when Lena had a ten day "delay en route." Lewis, combat engineer, has been three years and five months on active duty overseas with the First Army. He was 27 months in Iceland and six months in England before seeing action throughout France, Belgium and Holland. Now home in the U. S., he has had a 52 day furlough and returned to Ft. Dix, N. J., for reassignment. Lena has been with the Air Force for 15 months and more and is at Courtland Army Air Field, Ala. Lewis and Lena are son and daughter of Mrs. Grace Kalmar, 720 East Fourth St., and members of St. John's Windish Lutheran Church.



★ No editor worth his salt can resist a chance to pun, even to make a very poor one, a regular stinkeroo, and this picture is just too good to resist. In fact, it is Taylored to order, the little deer (s)! The deer (no, dear) in uniform is **Sgt. Bernice Taylor** of the WAC, presently stationed at Ft. Stevens, Oregon, where she is in charge of transportation and also teaches orientation. Perhaps the other deer (not dear), is trying to horn in on a ride to town on a 72-hour pass. Anyway, the de . . . no, now this has gone far enough! Let's be dignified. Anyway, Sgt. Taylor (that's much better!) answered her country's summons by joining the WAC on February 7, 1943. After the usual prelims at Daytona Beach she was sent to Norfolk as a radio technician. On a recent visit to California she exchanged gossip with friends, saw the site of her birthplace, appeared as a guest on the Amos'n Andy program, attended Breakfast at Sardi's (the real McCoy) and dropped in at the famed Hollywood Canteen.



REV. JOHN DANIEL
St. John Slovak Lutheran



★ **Bill Smith**, pictured here with a buddy aboard the U. S. S. Northland when that ship was cruising in Arctic waters, is now a technical sergeant stationed at Ft. Benning, Ga. He sent home a marvelous collection of pictures taken on the expedition to Greenland, when the German weather station and supply ship there were captured and destroyed. Harold Berg of St. Mark's Lutheran Church brought them to the house and we kept several, hoping to be able to use a number. However, that was impossible because of the already high cost of cuts in this issue. Bill is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Smith, 441 Vine Street, and has been in service since November 7, 1942.



REV. BENJAMIN LOTZ
Holy Trinity Lutheran



★ Proud father is **Cpl. James McCandless, Jr.** He's holding son Gary, only 8 weeks old at the time the picture was taken. Jim is a member of the Personnel Section of the Seventh Army.



★ **James J. Frankenfield, Y 3/c**, is in San Bruno, Cal., awaiting assignment. He was fortunate to be able to meet his marine sister, Ruth, on Easter in San Luis Obispo. After attending church they were entertained by local people on their ranch. Both Jim and Ruth had to travel 150 miles for the meeting but it was certainly worth while.

RED CROSS HINTS

Serviceman! Don't forget, your Red Cross can help your family:

If they need to get in touch with you in case of serious illness or death at home;

If they need help at home in time of trouble;

If they need advice about allowances, allotments, government benefits for servicemen's dependents;

If they need help preparing claims for government benefits;

If they are worried about you and want reports on your welfare.



★ The two officers in the background of this snapshot are holding a cake baked for them at Christmastime by the four ship's bakers posed in the foreground. The picture was taken aboard the galley of the U. S. S. Nevada and one of the whiteclad cake artists is **Clarence A. Jacoby, Bkr. 3/c**, Bethlehemite and member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church.



★ These are **Marion and William Gottschall**, the former Pfc. in the WAC, the latter Sgt. in the Air Corps. Bill has been reported missing in action in China since January. He went overseas with the 14th Air Force October, 1944, as an Engineer-Gunner on a B-24. Marion has been in the WAC since October, 1944. She is with the Engineer Corps at Chicago. Both are members of St. Paul's Reformed Church.



★ A record of some kind has been established by **Cpls. T. Walter and Walter J. Young**, sons of Walter J. Young, who have been together since going overseas. They have served for 30 months and more in the same outfit in Africa, Corsica and France, going across with the 213th Regiment (First Defenders) Coast Artillery. Later they were attached to the 360th M. P. Company and were last reported on duty in France.

THE ARMY IN THE AIR

Bombs Away Over Tokyo



REV. DANIEL D. KISTLER
New Jerusalem Lutheran

★ *Edgar D. Ashton* has been promoted to rank of sergeant in the Army Air Forces, it was recently announced at his headquarters. Sgt. Ashton, a quartermaster supply technician, is presently stationed in the India-Burma theater of operations. He is assigned to an Air Depot of the 20th Bomber Command, the B-29 Superfortress organization which initiated the aerial campaign against the Japanese "Basic Area." He entered the service in February 1943, receiving his basic training at Keesler Field, Miss., and his quartermaster schooling at Tinker Army Air Base, Oklahoma. He has been serving in the India-Burma theater since February 1944. Prior to his entering the service, he was employed as a cost clerk in the Works Accounting Dept. at the Bethlehem Steel Co. He is a member of the First Baptist Church of Bethlehem.

★ At the time this information was given Stars, *Lt. Walter E. Reynolds* had completed his 50 missions in the European area and was resting in England. He expected to get a leave home but we've not heard if he has arrived in the U. S. and Bethlehem.

★ *Pvt. Don C. Nickolaus*, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Nickolaus, 630 Sixth Avenue, is now a pre-aviation cadet at Amarillo Army Air Field, Texas. Don is a member of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church and a graduate of Liberty Hi, class of '44.

★ *T/Sgt. Paul L. Kunsman* recently returned from a year of service based in England, having completed his

missions as flight engineer and top turret gunner aboard a B-17 Flying Fortress. He spent a month furlough with his family, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Kunsman, 1407 Center Street, and then reported to Richmond, Va., for reassignment. He was sent to Chanute Field, Ill. and took an electrical machinist specialist course and is now ready for overseas duty. He is a member of St. Paul's Reformed Church.

★ Assignment to pre-flight school was the next step ahead for *Air Cadet Robert J. Johnston*, son of Mrs. Robert T. Johnston, 509 Carlton Avenue, and the late Mr. Johnston. Bob had just finished one phase of his training at Harlingen Field, Texas, when we received word of his progress. He enlisted in March, 1944 after graduating with the February class at Liberty Hi. He was 17 years old at the time.

★ *Pfc. James E. Williamson*, who has been in the Air Force since November, 1944, is now at Kingman Field, Arizona, training as aerial gunner. Jimmy enlisted as a cadet in October, 1943, before graduation from Liberty Hi, but was not called until '44. He received his basic training at Keesler Field, Miss. Home for Jim is 413 Tenth Avenue.

★ *Dale C. Pysher*, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Pysher, is training at Sioux Falls, S. D. He graduated at Liberty Hi with the 1944 class.

★ Some day a Nip pilot is going to find himself looking into the muzzle of a tail gun of a B-29 bomber at whose trigger switch will be *Pfc. Eugene S. Hottle*, now in training at Smoky Hill Field, Saleria, Kansas. Hottle, whose wife and children, Ronald and Gerald, has been successfully stationed at Buckley Field, Colo.; and Buckingham Field, Ft. Myers, Fla.



Paul Kunsman Edgar Ashton

★ *Lt. Louis Duh*, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Duh, 1120 Second Avenue, Hellertown, is attending navigation school at Selman Field, La. Before entering he was a bombardier instructor at San Angels, Texas, where he had been graduated from bombardier school. He received his basic training at Miami Beach, Fla., and later attended the University of Florida and pre-flight school at San Antonio, Texas, where he completed his cadet training. He was then sent to Harlingen, Texas, where he graduated as a gunner. Louis is a graduate of Hellertown Hi and formerly was employed by Bethlehem Steel.

★ *Air Student Elwood Bauder* was inducted into the service August, 1944. He received his basic training at Foster Field, Texas and his advanced training at Sheppard's Field, Texas. At present he is stationed at Boca Raton Air Field, Florida. He is a graduate of Technical High School class of 1944. Prior to entering the service he had been employed at the Bethlehem Steel Co.

★ *Sgt. Albert S. Johnson*, stationed at Topeka, Kans., Air Field, received a three-day pass during April to attend the funeral of a fellow classmate at Liberty Hi, William Hartmann. Al had a short visit with his family. He is fully recovered from an operation which resulted in his having to be grounded permanently.

★ *1st Lieut. Phillip F. Rivers* has recently been briefed at a strategic air base in England.



Donald Nicholaus



Fred Opp



Robert Limons



Robert Diggs



Dale Pysher



Robert Johnston



Chas. Griswold, Jr.

Eugene Huttle

Harry Buchecher

Joseph Albert

Elwood Bauder

★ No doubt by the time this issue of Stars is received by some 5,000 readers, *Harry J. Buchecher*, Air Cadet, will have received his wings at Lakeland, Fla., his last station. Harry went into uniform December 12, 1943 and reported to Miami Beach. He was subsequently in the Carolinas, Alabama, Georgia and back to Florida. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Buchecher, 1033 Main St.

★ A thrill he won't forget fell to the lot of *Sgt. Walter B. Lobb*, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Lobb, 256 W. Fairview St., when he saw the first flight of B-29 super-bombers take off for Tokyo. Walter is stationed with Bomber Command in the Marianas and has been overseas since last September. He wrote home that when his last issue of "Stars" came he was on special duty, but he was so anxious to get a look at it, he thought he'd risk taking a peep, so he opened it. But, just as he did so, one of the "higher-ups" tapped him on the shoulder and said, "No reading on duty, soldier," so the magazine just had to wait. We are flattered that he thinks so highly of Stars.

★ Well on his way to a career in the Air Forces is *Merritt P. Weiss, Jr.*, now an air cadet at Sheppard Field, Texas, where he arrived on April 23. Merritt is a member of Olivet E-C Church and had been secretary of the Sunday School for one year. A week before he left for New Cumberland he completed a fine new Honor Roll board for the church vestibule. He was art editor of Liberty Hi "Cauldron", past president of the school's Art Club and past master councilor of Wilbur Chapter, DeMolay. Mr. Weiss, Sr., who, with Mrs. Weiss lives at 1127 N. New St., is a veteran of World War I.



Louis Duh

Jim Williamson

★ *Pvt. Joseph L. Albert*, member of Grace Lutheran Church, is stationed at the Army Airforce Base at Chanute Field, Ill. He is one of the ground crew and studying radio there. His older brother, *Lt. Henry Albert, Jr.*, a member of the coast guard, is aboard a freight service ship in the South Pacific.

★ *Cpl. Edwin H. Bitting* returned from twenty-six months active duty in the South Pacific and after a 21-day furlough at home with his wife and daughter reported to the A.A.F. B.U. at Bradley Field, Conn.

★ *Pvt. John Rollo, Jr.* has been in service since October 1944, but was not called for duty until April 12, 1945, when he went to Sheppard Field, Texas, for his basic training. He is a graduate of Liberty Hi, where he was president of the German class and captain of the Track team. Johnny used to play sax and the clarinet in "Joe" Weber's orchestra. He also played basketball for the North End Wanderers and for Clan Malcolm. He's a member of St. Stephen's Lutheran Church.

★ *Lt. James Ottinger*, bomber pilot, in a letter to his mother, Mrs. Viola Ottinger, 65 Warren Street, told how he had spent a day with *Bill Reppert* in Manila, Philippine Is. Bill is with the Army and the two boys are chums from away back in their school days and through association in Fritz Methodist activities. Jim said he also managed to meet his brother, *Dave*, twice in New Guinea. The latter, at the time Stars was informed, was on his way home. He expected a reunion with his wife, *Lt. J. Virginia Harlan Ottinger, A.N.C.*, who has been stationed at LaGarde General Hospital, New Orleans, La.

★ *Cpl. Robert S. Diggs* is stationed with the 3rd Air Force at Coffeyville, Kansas, working in the photographic laboratory.

★ *Robert Limons*, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Limons, 628 Second Avenue, is in the Air Corps. That's all we know!



REV. JOHN SHELTER
Trinity Reformed, Freemansburg

★ It's right tough to say a fellow's "in England", or France, or Saipan, or anywhere and be sure of it, because changes are coming so fast these days. But Steve Brody took a chance and lived to tell the tale, and we can do no less. Anyway, *Flight Officer Charles J. Griswold, Jr.*, at last word, was piloting a B-24 and was based in England. He is Liberty Hi, class of '41. He enlisted with the AAF in December, 1942.

PLEASE, servicemen and women, wherever you may be or are going, if you have a change of address, notify your pastor or your family with instructions to pass the change along to your church service roster committee. Don't send address changes to "Stars" direct. We keep no file of addresses but each church submits a new list of service addresses at mailing time. This saves us the expense of clerical help, for which we have no money available. Address changes should be forwarded promptly, otherwise the magazine is delayed or prevented from getting to the addressee.



THE ARMY ON FOREIGN SOIL

Okinawa Is Only The Stepping-Stone



DR. CHARLES A. BUTZ
Zion Reformed

★ *Pvt. James E. Brown*, son of Mrs. Evans Brown, Wood Street, is in Italy.

★ *1st. Sgt. John Feninez* has been awarded two bronze stars, one for the battle of Normandy, one for Northern France. He was in on the D-Day invasion. Now he's in Belgium.

★ *Pvt. Edward L. Yob*, son of Mr.

but word sent to Stars of *Pfc. Kenneth M. Kauffman* reported him a prisoner in Germany. He entered the Army August 5, 1940 and was stationed at Ft. Slocum, Panama Canal Zone, as an M. P. for two and one-half years and then was furloughed home. In August, 1944 he was transferred to the Infantry, given additional training at Camp McCoy, Wis. and in October sent overseas. On April 12 of this year the family had their first word of him in several months. He was taken prisoner last December.

★ Twin daughters await the return from Italy of *Pfc. Raymond DeLong*, overseas since last July. He has been in service since January, '44.

★ *Pvt. Rodman H. Seifert* was inducted into the Army—Sept. 15, 1944.

★ Overseas since December, 1944, *Cpl. Herbert Schadler*, Army Engineers, was last reported stationed in Luxembourg. Son of Mrs. Elsie Kehl, 648 Bradley St., he has been in the service since August, 1942.

★ April 18 was the 26th birthday of *Pvt. Alpheus Mack*, an anniversary which he celebrated in Germany with the 3rd Army. He is attached to a special Pioneer group and has been awarded the Expert Rifleman badge. He has been overseas since January, assigned to a headquarters company. *Pvt. Mack* is the father of two small daughters, who are living with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. George Mack, at 1229 Russell Avenue.

★ Service with the 104th Infantry Regiment on the Western Front is the record of *Pvt. Charles E. Ritter*,



Charles Ritter



Rodman Seifert

and Mrs. Earl Yob, Bethlehem R. D. 4, is in Germany. He has been in service since October, 1944. He went across early this Spring.

★ A veteran of six years of service in the Army is the record of *Pfc. Henry Ravier, Jr.*, of Spring Valley, now in Germany with an M. P. company. Henry belonged to the old Bethlehem unit, Battery C. of the 213th Regiment of Coast Artillery (First Defenders) Anti-aircraft, of which Larry Atwood was at one time captain. He saw service in the African campaign and participated in the invasion of Sicily. In France he met a number of people bearing the same name as his, Ravier, and has been trying to discover if any are kinfolk. He has been 29 months overseas.

★ Probably he is liberated by now,



Kenneth Kauffman



John Feninez

He received his basic training at Camp Blanding, Fla. After a short furlough which he spent with his parents, he was sent to Camp Meade and from there he was sent to Italy in February, 1945. He is a graduate of Liberty High School, 1943. Prior to his induction he was a student at Lehigh University and employed in the Display Dept. of Bush & Bull's Department Store. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Seifert and a member of St. Stephen's Lutheran Church.

★ We learn that *Pvt. Frank H. King*, whose mother, *Pvt. Alice King*, medical technician in the WAC, at Ft. Oglethorpe, Ga., is in the Philippines serving in the Infantry. He was shipped out in January from Ft. Ord, Calif. Frank has been in service since February, 1944.



Walter Lobb



Alpheus Mack

son of William Ritter, 740 Cherokee St. Charles has been in service since April 3, 1943. During part of his training with the Tank Corps at Camp Campbell, Ky. he met a number of members of his Sunday School class at First Reformed Church.

★ Latest word to reach Stars of the activities of *Pfc. Monroe L. Peters*, son of Mrs. Anna Peters, Bethlehem R. D. 2, is that he is back at Guam after seeing action in New Caledonia and Iwo Jima. He is attached to a medical battalion and has been in service serving his country since December, 1942.

★ *Lt. Edwin Schrader*, paratrooper, was seriously injured in Germany but from last reports was recovering as satisfactorily as could be expected.



Henry Ravier



Raymond DeLong



William Adams



Edward Yob



James Brown



Frank King



Joseph Search

Joseph Kempfer

Benson Hartney

Howard Lee

★ *T/Sgt. Joseph Search*, who enlisted in July, 1940, has been in most of the bitter fighting in Europe and probably is resting on his laurels in Germany, unless he is on his way home by now. He holds the Purple Heart. Joe is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Funk, Springtown, and a member of New Jerusalem Church.

★ The accompanying picture of *Lt. William C. Woodring* was taken last February 5 in the Netherlands. He has been in service since June 13, 1942; attended O.C.S. at Ft. Sill, Okla.; was commissioned in December, '42; went overseas in September of '44 and was promoted to first lieutenant January 15, 1945. He is an air

★ May 15 was the 20th birthday of *Pvt. Roland Lasso* and he celebrated the occasion in the Philippines where he is on duty with the amphibious engineers. He is one of two sons of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Lasso of Freemansburg serving their country. Roland has been over a year in the Army.

★ According to most recent information, *Pfc. Richard P. Seifert* is in Germany with the First Army. He may be, by this time, either enroute home, or to battle the Nips—or simply staying in ex-Hitlerland. He's been overseas since January. Back home his wife, Marion, and daughter, Linda Mae, hold the fort at 1089



REV. MELVIN A. KURTZ
St. Mark's Lutheran

★ We're wondering if *Sgt. Maurice Hippenstiel* has gotten that Kraut bugle he was looking for to bring home as a souvenir. Maurice is a veteran of several years service, having entered the Army in June of 1941. He was assigned to the band of the 71st Infantry Regiment at Camp Croft. Later the band was moved to Ft. Lewis, Washington, where it became the band of the 44th Division. Maurice readied for his overseas trek at Camp Phillips, Kan., and embarked in September, 1944. Last word of him reported him in Ger-



Russell Gross

William Woodring

Richard Seifert

Maurice Hippenstiel

George Gackenbach

David Fluck

observer with the 9th Army Field Artillery.

★ *Pfc. Rollin Goth* was wounded in the jaw and leg by shrapnel while attacking the now all-but-forgotten Siegfried Line with the 76th Infantry Division of the Third Army last February. After hospitalization (and the Purple Heart) he went back into service. His division was in combat where the fighting was thickest.

★ Most recent news of *Pfc. Paul Crossan*, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Crossan, 633 Smiley Avenue, has him in Germany with the Third Army. He has been overseas since last August and in service since July 19, 1943. He's a member of Edgeboro Moravian Church.

Wyandotte Street. His brother, *Pfc. Martin E. Seifert*, is with the Seventh Army, also in Germany.

★ *Pfc. Russell Gross* son of Mrs. Stella Schrantz, 34 East Spruce St. has been in the service since August, 1943. Shortly before going in the service he was married to the former Elizabeth Kery. At the present time he is with the Third Army.

★ Stars' latest information concerning *Pfc. John Haaf* was that he was confined to his bed in a hospital in England. Since some time has elapsed since the report, we hope and expect that John is up and about . . . and perhaps even enroute homewards. His was quite a long hospitalization.

many with the 7th Army. Meanwhile, his wife, formerly Eunice Tilrum of Vaucouver, and children, Marie and Linda, are living in Fountain Hill at 1128 Russell Avenue.

★ Four battle stars adorn the campaign ribbons of *T/5 David E. Fluck*, veteran of Army service since March 4, 1941. He's the son of Mr. and Mrs. David M. Fluck, Bethlehem R. D. 4. After training he was sent to England, where he landed August 6, 1942 and was with the invasion troops that landed in Africa on November 7, 1942. He participated in engagements in Tunisia, at Salerno, at Cassino and at Anzio as well as in other battles that marked the conquest of Italy.



Rollin Goth

Merrill Moyer

Paul Crossan

Paul Wannemacher

Kurt Schnedler

John Haaf



REV. R. S. WOLFGANG
formerly Olivet Evangelical

★ *Pfc. Maynard A. Klotz*, son of Mrs. John Klotz, Leithsville, is attached to a glider outfit in New Guinea. He has been "over there" for more than 13 months and in the Army since March, 1942.

★ *Capt. Carstens Haas* of the Army in the Pacific was pleasantly surprised to meet *Lt. Henry W. Schweitzer*

service he was employed by the Bethlehem Steel Co.

★ Like thousands and thousands of other young Americans, *George Gackenbach* has seen many foreign lands and strange faces in the course of his Army career. Inducted December, 1943, he trained at Camp Lee, then crossed the Atlantic in July, 1944. He has served in England, France, Belgium and Germany and is attached to the Quartermaster Corps headquarters detachment.

★ *Benson B. Hartney*, son of Mrs. B. B. Hartney, 556 East Goepp Street, is now a corporal and somewhere in Germany with the Third Army. He left the U. S. in January and received his two stripes overseas. He was injured in the left eye and received the Purple Heart. Ben hopes to get back to "civilization" as quickly as he got across the other way.

★ *Lt. John C. (Jack) Andrews* has been hospitalized in England having

★ *Cpl. LeRoy Steyers* served with a tank division in the conquest of Nazi Europe, shipping overseas in September, 1944. He entered the Army April 16, 1941. He is married to the former Pauline Diehl, of Bethlehem R. D. 4, and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Steyers, of Coopersburg.

★ *Pvt. Kenneth Pittinger*, grandson of Mrs. and the late Charles Bees, 1147 Broadway, is now serving in the European area. He is a paratrooper.

★ *Pfc. Albert Mease*, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Mease, of Hellertown, is another of the class of 1944 of Hellertown Hi to enter the armed forces. He was inducted September 27, 1944 and is now in the South Pacific area.

★ *Mrs. Earl Beltzner*, 629 Second Avenue, has been notified that her husband, a private in the First Division, U. S. M. C., has been wounded in the fighting on Okinawa. He is



Albert Mease

Charles Zovko

LeRoy Steyer

Allison Bauer

Austin Rohrbaugh

Kenneth Pittinger

of the Navy in the Philippines. Both are members of Grace Lutheran Church.

★ *Sgt. Charles A. Zovko* has returned to duty with his old outfit, the 29th Infantry, after being confined to a hospital for two months in France. Sgt. Zovko entered the services in June, 1941, and completed his basic training at Camp Wheeler, Ga., after which he was assigned to the 29th Infantry at Fort Benning, Ga. In August, 1943, he landed in Iceland and was transferred to England in January, 1944, where he was assigned to a marshaling area and received a commendation for his work. He later went to France after "D" day and was in Paris for some time. Now he is somewhere in Germany. His wife is the former Bette M. Schuler, of Fountain Hill. Before entering the

been wounded in action in Germany.

★ Action with the famous 712th Tank Battalion, armored spearhead of the 90th Division in its advance through Normandy, fell to the wartime lot of *Pfc. Paul St. C. Wannemacher, Jr.* He was with the outfit in the battle of Foret de Mont Castre and in on the capture of LeMans. The unit also was instrumental in closing the bloody Falaise Gap, capturing thousands of Nazis. They also participated in the fighting around Metz and later, while in Luxembourg, paid a visit to the home of Franz vonPapen, Nazi ace diplomat whose luck finally ran out. Wannemacher received his first stripe on January 1 and was transferred to a reconnaissance platoon of the battalion. He has been in service since November 8, 1943 and overseas since May 30, 1944.

said to have been hit in the ankle by a Jap mortar shell.

★ Amnesia resulting from battle experiences hospitalized *S/Sgt. Forrest Taylor*, serving with the 876th Engineers in France and Germany, for about a month. He has recovered, however, and is quite OK. Forrest is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Taylor, 1202 North New Street, and the husband of the former Patricia Ann Tahaney. He's a member of Wesley Methodist Church.

★ *Pvt. Robert Trauger*, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Trauger, New St., Hellertown, is in New Guinea with the anti-aircraft artillery. He is the husband of the former Arlene Fehnel of Easton. He has been in the service since October 21, 1942 and received his basic training at Ft. Totten, New York.



Mark Lynn

Maynard Klotz

Herbert Schadler

Robert Trauger

Forrest Taylor

William Gold

★ Only information concerning *Pfc. E. E. Kratzer, Jr.* is that he is serving overseas. Son of Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Kratzer, Sr., 336 West Street, he was a Junior at Clemson College when called into the service in 1942. He received his basic training at Camp Wheeler, Ga., attended Georgis Teachers' College and later was transferred to an Airborne artillery unit at Ft. Bragg, N. C. After further training at Camp Mackall, N. C. and Ft. Benning, Ga., he was shipped across. He is a member of Salem Lutheran Church.

★ Of *Allison Bauer* we learn that he has been with the 9th Air Force Service Command in Belgium. He is now a private first-class and is an aircraft sheetmetal specialist. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Roland Bauer of College Hill and has been overseas since March of last year.

★ Recent report has it that *Sgt. Johnny Mallory* and *Sgt. Lloyd E. Webb* met in Germany. Webb is Mallory's brother-in-law, Johnny being married to Dorothy Webb. It must have been quite a reunion!



REV. EDWIN H. FREY
First Baptist



Bertine Kratzer

Robert Kauffman

Paul Fehr

Frank Dunstan

Elmer Wagner

Richard Shafer

★ *T/5 Robert S. Kauffman*, in service since May 17, 1943, is in Europe with a small arms ordnance corps. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Kauffman, 1006 Raymond Ave. After training he was sent across in November, 1943.

★ Mrs. Elmer Wagner possesses with pride the Purple Heart given her husband, *Pfc. Elmer Wagner*, for wounds received in Italy last December 10. He was inducted January 6, 1944 and trained at Camp Croft, S. C. Mrs. Wagner, formerly Mary Matovich, and infant daughter anxiously await his return home.

★ *Lloyd Lewis, T/4* writes his pastor, John Daniel, that he is following right behind the Front in Germany with a Medical Clearing Co. He is full of praise for the wonderful work being done by doctors and nurses, as well as the Medical Corpsmen in caring for casualties.

★ Word of his liberation after 15 months in a German prison camp has been sent by *Lt. Raymond Feilbach* to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Feilbach, 522 Second Ave. He wrote that he is well and expects to get home soon. On May 1 the camp was taken by the Russians and on May 13 he and others liberated were flown 650 miles to an Allied post in France, where he is at present. *Lt. Feilbach* has been overseas as a navigator aboard a B-17 bomber since September, 1943, and was reported missing over Germany on February 11, 1944. He is the holder of the D.F.C., the Air Medal with two Oak Leaf clusters, and the Purple Heart.

★ *Pfc. Frank M. Dunstan* has been serving in Europe with the 102nd Infantry Division, campaigning in France, Belgium, Holland and Germany. He entered the Army in August of '42, trained at Camp Croft, the University of Maryland at College Park and at Camp Swift, Texas. He's a member of Wesley Methodist Church.

★ *T/Sgt. Ted Oswald* is reported in convalescent Hospital in the Philippines, recovering from a foot injury. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Oswald, 1328 Easton Avenue.

★ The picture of *Fred Opp* was sent by him from Italy to his pastor, Rev. Benjamin Lotz, in a letter in which he remarks that he has been in service over three years, out of which only three months were spent in the United States. He has been, he says, "in England, Africa, Sicily, Italy (at Anzio), Corsica . . . there isn't anything over here in this country (Italy) worth talking about. I don't see how people can live in a country like this, or in any other country I've been in since I left the good old U. S. A." (Boy, that's pure patriotic fervor!)

★ *Cpl. William Gold*, at last report in England, ran across *George Adams* recently. Bill had enjoyed a furlough in Scotland. He's the son of Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Gold of Sycamore Street.

★ *Sgt. Paul Kolesar*, writing from the Philippines, says that the campaigns there seem to be going ahead so well, that he looks forward to a furlough "stateside" in the next few months after an extended stay in Pacific area.

★ *Cpl. Richard A. Shafer* is in Germany with the Army Ordnance attached to the 3rd Army. His mother, Mrs. William O. Shafer, 1020 Highland Avenue, says that Dick's twin sister, Elizabeth, received her commission as a 2nd lieutenant in the Army Nurse Corps and reported at Camp Meade, Md., on April 16.

★ *M/Sgt. Ralph O. Rohrbaugh* in one of recent letters from his post in India expressed the wish that he could see some snow. He is with a replacement squadron and has been serving since October, 1942. He was advanced to corporal April 15, 1943, to sergeant July 1, 1943, to staff sergeant August 15, 1943, to technical sergeant February 29, 1944 and now (last October 23) to master sergeant. Nice going! Ralph, formerly employed by Bethlehem Steel in the Saucon plant, is a brother of *Austin Rohrbaugh*, 806 Center Street, and *Donald Rohrbaugh*, 1725 No. New Street.

★ Now that the fighting has stopped in Italy and the Germans are back in Krautland, *Cpl. Ralph Krier*, member of the 1388th Engineer Combat Group of the Fifth Army, is resting on his laurels, along with the others of his unit. For a while they were responsible for maintaining 67 miles of vital highway feeding the front. Throughout the winter they kept 30 miles of road in the snowbound mountains open. They removed demolition charges from bridges and otherwise made the highways safe for passage of war supplies, food, troops and the wounded being brought out to the rear.



DR. JOSEPH S. PETERS
Calvary Reformed

★ Most recent word of *Sgt. Allen L. Mills*, who had been in a hospital in France with frozen feet, located him in a replacement center somewhere in the same country. But so much water has gone under the bridge, so to speak, that there's no telling if this is true now.

★ List *Pvt. James Flick* among the three year veterans. He is on Saipan with the M. P.

★ *Pvt. William Flick* has been in the service two years and is now located in Germany with the anti-aircraft artillery. We learn he has never received a copy of Stars. Hope this one gets to him.

★ A letter from *Lt. William B. Hurst* to his mother stated that he landed at Marseille, France, November 5, 1944; crossed the Rhine on Easter Sunday, 1945; and met "Junie" Oskin at the front.

★ *Mrs. Albert W. Minnich*, 1413 Center Street, learned recently that her husband, a sergeant in the Engineer Corps, is in Germany. He's a former employee of Bethlehem Steel Co., a member of Zion Reformed Church, and has been in service since March 25, 1944.

★ After 29 months in active service with the 316th Troop Carrier Group, First Airborne Army, *Capt. G. E. Boyer*, flight surgeon, has returned home on leave. He wears four Presidential citations and eight battle stars on his European and African campaign ribbons. He has seen action at times when the issue was in the balance for the United Nations forces and participated in the final victories over the aggressors in the European theatre.

★ *T/5 Thomas Chovan*, son of Andrew Chovan, 422 Cherokee Street, recently was awarded the Presidential Unit citation as a member of an Amphibious Tractor battalion for outstanding performance in combat during the seizure of the Japanese-held islands of Saipan and Tinian in the Marshalls.

★ Mr. and Mrs. Roy R. Schaller have been notified that their son, *Pfc. LeRoy D. Schaller*, reported a prisoner of the Germans, has been liberated. He was taken late in December after seeing action in Belgium and Luxembourg with the 110th Infantry, 28th Division. He enlisted in November, 1942, and was called for active duty in May, '43. He went overseas a year later. Fountain Hill Hi is his alma mater and he attended Penn State 3½ years before going into the Army. He's a member of St. Peter's Lutheran Church.

★ Three years of Army service, twenty-eight months of which have been spent as an engineer on the Persian railway carrying supplies to Russia, have come to an end for *Pfc. Mark Lynn* and he is now well on his way along his fourth year. Mark is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Lynn, Clearfield Street, Freemansburg, and a member of the First Church of The Nazarene. Before his Army days he was employed on the P. B. & N. E. railroad.

★ *Pfc. Martin Krovina*, now in England, continues to enjoy the hospitality and interesting sights of the British Isles.

★ *Pfc. Leslie F. Siegfried*, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie P. Siegfried, is now serving with the Seventh Army in Germany. He is attached to the Anti-Aircraft division. Leslie is a graduate of the Bethlehem Technical High School and recently became engaged to Miss Della Jennings of New York City.

★ Hopes that he will be returned to the United States this summer under the rotation plan after 36 months in service in the Pacific theatre was entertained by *Capt. Joseph E. Kempfer*. Perhaps as this is written those hopes are being realized. Captain Kempfer went out to Australia in July, 1942, attached to a Military Police Battalion. He then was a second lieutenant. He graduated from Unarmed Combat Training School and in April of '43 stepped up a notch in rank. In November he was sent to New Guinea to be supply officer of a base there and received his captaincy in November, 1944. He is the son of Ellis F. Kempfer 1108 Broadway, and the husband of the former Sara Mendsen, 424 Fifth Avenue.

★ You just can't keep a good man down, *Mitchell Connor* writes his mother, Mrs. Sue M. Connor, 1134 W. Union Blvd., that he is back on duty somewhere in Germany with Patton's Third Army after an operation which laid him up in the hospital for a while.



REV. DANIEL LATSHAW
Maecda Lutheran

★ *Pfc. M. R. Pharo Jr.* a member of the machine gun squad of the Infantry in Patton's Third Army, was killed in combat in Germany on March 27th according to a telegram received on April 11th by his wife, the former Augusta Montgomery, Bethlehem R. D. 2. Besides his wife, baby daughter and parents, he is survived by two brothers, one of whom is in the Service.

★ "Serving in Germany"—that's the latest word of *Pfc. Paul Fehr*, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Fehr, 1424 High Street. Paul has been in the Army since April 20, 1944.

★ *Merrill Moyer* has really been getting around and seeing action, too, since he entered the Army September 24, 1941. After his basic at Camp Wheeler, Ga., he was sent to Panama. Next, after a stay of about a year, he went out to Australia, then on to New Guinea, where he took part in some of the fiercest jungle fighting of the campaign, and now he is on Luzon. He was hospitalized for shrapnel wounds, but recently wrote he is back with his outfit. Merrill is in the Infantry. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Moyer, 458 Birkel Ave.

★ Last word of *Pfc. William Vogel* told that he was "missing in action" since January 4. We haven't heard if he has turned up, but hope he has. His picture appeared in the March issue. Son of Mr. and Mrs. August Vogel, Bethlehem R. D. 4, he was a senior at Hellertown Hi at the time of his induction on April 6, 1943. He had just received the Eagle Scout award the eve of his induction.

★ At the time this is written no further news is available of *Lt. Gordon M. Moyer* than that he was reported missing on his second mission over Germany. He was a navigator. He made his first run over the enemy territory on March 12 and the second the following day. He had been overseas since the first of the month. Young Moyer, who is 21, is a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church.



REV. ALONZO FITE
Wesley Methodist

★ It's safe to assume, unless other word has been received since Germany collapsed, that *Pvt. John H. Traeger* has been relieved of the necessity of spending all his time in foxholes. John, who is in Germany, wrote during the campaign, that while Germany is very beautiful, they spent most of their time ducking in and out of their little refuges in the ground. A brother of his was aboard one of the Jap prison ships sunk by Yank shells in the South Pacific.



DR. H. J. EHRET
Macada Reformed

★ A card from *William S. Erwin* dated Jan. 10th was received by his wife April 7th stating that he was a prisoner of the Germans. Bill was reported missing in action Dec. 16th in the historic battle of the Belgium Bulge. He had been serving with an infantry battalion.

★ *Pvt. Robert A. Freudig*, son of Mr. and Mrs. Augustus Freudig, 33 East Ettwein St., saw active duty in Belgium and other European war theatres. He was inducted in June, 1942, and went overseas from Ft. Bragg, N. C. in 1943, landing in England. He went to France, Belgium and into Germany. Bob is a booster for the YMCA, writing in one of his letters home that he hopes Bethlehem will have its new building ready by the time he gets back. "Hope springs eternal" the poet wrote. Let's hope Bob has lots of hope. He is, by the way, a member of College Hill Moravian Church.

★ *Linford Ernst* is now a private first class in the Quartermaster Corps. He has seen service in England, France, Holland and Germany and has been in the Army since December 18, 1943. He's a member of Zion E. & R. Church *Mahlon Ernst*, also a private first class, is in the Infantry overseas. He has been in uniform since January 2, 1943.

★ *Sgt. John Barnett* has been reported missing in action in Germany since February 9, in a War Dept. telegram received by his wife, the former Margaret Schall, 113 West Union Boulevard, on March 2nd. Sgt. Barnett entered the service Jan. 21, 1943. After completing his training he was sent overseas to England in December 1943, and had seen action in France, Belgium and Luxembourg.

★ Word of *Cpl. Harold B. Farquhar, Jr.*, placed him with Patton in Germany. He had been in England, France, Belgium and Luxembourg. He's in the personnel section of an infantry unit.

LEGION NOTE

★ *Fountain Hill American Legion Post No. 406* boasts one veteran of World War I among its 200 sons and daughters presently serving in their country's uniform. The band has been hardest hit since 90 of the boys and young men are in the service. There remains a nucleus of 30 musicians, however, from whom great things are expected, and when the boys come home there'll be as fine a band as ever.

THE MELTING POT

★ *Glenmore A. Thatcher, Jr.*, Hellertown, has been advanced to torpedo-man's mate, second class, U. S. Naval Reserve. Thatcher was serving aboard a destroyer in the Atlantic at the time. He has been in the service since March, 1943. He participated in the invasions of Elba and Southern France and wears the American and European-African-Middle Eastern theatre ribbons. Thatcher's job aboard ship is to man the torpedo directors when "General Quarters" sounds.

★ *Lt. Louis H. A. Feher* is home on a six weeks' leave after a tour of duty in the South Pacific with the Signal Corps as radar and electronics officer. He has been in the Army since August, 1941, and was originally in the Engineer Corps, transferring to the Signal Corps. He was sent to England in 1942 and moved to the Pacific in 1943, where he received his first lieutenantcy.

★ *Louis Duh*, whose picture appears under Army Air, has received his wings and commission as aerial navigator at Selman Field.

★ Word of the promotion of *Raymond Grund*, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Grund, 1518 East Seventh

Street, to private first class, has been received.

★ *Ensign Willard H. Bilheimer* is now a Lieutenant, junior grade. The son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank A. Bilheimer, he is presently doing sea duty as "skipper" of a vessel now stationed in South Pacific waters.

★ Mr. and Mrs. Fred Miles and their daughter-in-law, Mary, nee Multer, Miles, 616 East Locust Street, have received the information that their son and husband, *Pfc. William H. Miles*, has been awarded the Combat Infantryman's Badge "For heroic achievement in action March 13 in the vicinity of Eschelbach, Germany. When two machine gunners held up a platoon of machine guns, Pfc. Miles continued to man his machine gun and fired upon the enemy troops while under constant fire." The Miles family are natives of Wales, England, and Pfc. Miles visited his relatives and grandmother during a furlough in England.

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THE ARMY ON THE HOME LOAM

"Land of the Free . . ."



REV. GEORGE WOODWARD
First Nazarene

★ *Lt. James Felker*, at last report to Stars, was at Kearns, Utah, an overseas replacement depot. He may be overseas by now.

★ Last word of *Nevin E. Brown*, inducted in July of 1943, says that he has received his commission as a second lieutenant after completing his training at Ft. Benning, Ga., on March 3. He is now at Ft. McClellan, Ala. He had been a teacher at Moravian Prep. and coach in basketball for several seasons.

★ Camp Bowie, Texas is the present address of *T/5 Edwin J. Christman*, Field Artillery, son of Mrs. Wallace Fry, 428 W. Union Blvd. He entered the service July 12, 1943 and received his basic training at Camp McQuade, Calif. Later he was at Camp Rosecrans, Calif., and Camp Berkeley, Texas. On November 22, 1944 he married Jean Mackey.

★ *Pvt. John Banik*, at Camp Blanding, Florida, is enjoying the first months of training. He is the latest addition to the armed forces from St. John Slovak Lutheran Church.

★ *Lt. Harry Hydusik*, with wife and son, Raymond visited his parents Mr. and Mrs. John Hydusik, East Sixth Street, on leave from Lawson Hospital, Atlanta, Ga. He looks and feels very well, and hopes to come home for a longer stay this summer.

★ *Pvt. Robert Fritz*, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Fritz of Montrose Ave., and an active member of Grace Lutheran Church entered the service Jan. 24th of this year. He is taking his basic training at Camp Blanding, Fla. sweating a bit but insists army life isn't too bad!

★ *Pfc. Kurt Schaedler*, member of Grace Lutheran Church, recently completed his training at the field artillery base in Fort Sill, Oklahoma. He left for overseas the latter part of March. His brother, *Anthony*, is a sergeant in Germany.

★ *Sgt. Julius Ozdinec* was joined by his wife Grace, in March, at Camp Livingston, La. He has been training infantry replacements at Camp Edwards, Camp Dix, and at his present camp for the past few years.



Edwin J. Christman

Nevin Brown

Jason Hyun

Henry Fenon

Morris Strickler, Jr.

Clyde Kohl

★ High spot in the military career of *T/5 Harold Hackman*, Bethlehem R. D. 4, was when he was assigned to the guard of honor at the funeral of the late Franklin D. Roosevelt, President of the United States. Hackman, veteran of 21 months in the Aleutians, was given a post right in front of the White House. Inducted October 29, 1942, he had his basic training at Raritan Arsenal and shipped out for the land of fog and icebergs from Ft. Lewis, Washington. He came home for reassignment in February. After 21 days he reported to redistribution center in Ashville, N. C., from where he was sent to Ft. Belvoir, Va., Army engineering base.

★ *Lt. Jason Hyun* is at present an instructor at Ft. McClellan, Ala. He received his commission at Ft. Benning, Ga., February 16 of this year. Before entering service he was a field engineer in the Combustion Department of Bethlehem Steel. He attended Lehigh University and while there played football. He recently visited Mr. and Mrs. Edgar T. Musselman and family of 1680 Broadway.

★ *Andrew L.*, second son of Mr. and Mrs. David H. Brillhart, entered the service last February and is now at Camp Blanding, Fla. His brother, *David*, is in his second year at the U. S. Military Academy, West Point, N. Y. He has been in Texas for aviation training.

★ Of *Lt. Clyde Kohl*, who graduated from OCS on April 18, we learn he is at Camp Rucker, Ala. as a platoon commander in the Infantry Replacement training center. Lt. Kohl was inducted February 17, 1944, took his basic at Ft. Bragg, N. C. in the Field Artillery, was promoted to corporal and, in September, 1944, was sent to Officer school.

★ Here's a compliment to the churches which have helped make Stars a success. It comes from *Lt. Paul H. Bishop, Jr.*, stationed with the 97th Field Hospital at Fort Ord, Calif., who says after reading the March issue that he hopes the churches of the city will get together in "other things as well as they have in Stars."



William VanHorn

Robert Fritz

Harold Hackman

James Felker

Harry Stonum

Henry Gemberling



REV. HARRY J. COLVER, JR.
First Reformed

★ *Cpl. Phillip A. Sabatino's* drums took an awful beating when he was home on a 15-day furlough, his first since entering the service in April, 1944. Phil, son of Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Sabatino, Sr., 1022 Cherokee St., afterwards reported to the Lincoln Air Field, Lincoln Neb. Friends here decided Army life must be agreeing with him for he looked the picture of health.

★ Another hometown musician who lost no time in getting out the old instrument and tootling a few toots while at home was *Cpl. Ernest W. Reinbold, Jr.*, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Reinbold, 121 West Morton Street. Ernie, home for fifteen days on his first furlough since entering the service in July, 1943, had a good time rolling out the mellow jive on the sax. He is now at Lincoln Air Field. A member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church and formerly active in the Luther League, his friends were happy to see him at Sunday services during his visit.

★ *Sgt. John Barrett, Jr.* who was wounded in the famous "Battle of the Bulge" and taken to Scotland for treatment, is convalescing at Camp Pickett, Va. station hospital.

★ Likewise, *Pfc. Richard Bowes* is a convalescent at Wilson General Hospital, Staunton, Va. He was returned to this country March 19 after injury at Metz, France last November. His sister, *Lt. Mary Bowes*, became the bride of *Lt. Lloyd J. Lake*, November 25, 1944. *Lt. Bowes* (Mrs. Lake) is stationed at the Cherry Point, N. C. Marine Air Station.

★ *Sgt. Harry W. Compton* has been recuperating at Atlantic City, N. J. He enjoyed a short furlough with his parents previous to going to the seashore.

★ *Bill VanHorne*, who has been in service since May, 1944, is in Brooklyn, N. Y. Son of Mr. and Mrs. William VanHorne, East Goepf Street. he married Mildred Moyer last December 15.

★ *Lt. Frank V. Hertzog* was graduated at Harvard Medical School last September and received his first lieutenant's commission in the Army Medical Reserve Corps at that time. He is interning at A.M.R.C. Hospital, Albany, N. Y.

★ Four and one-half years in service, two and one-half of them overseas, ended recently for *Cpl. Howard J. Lee*, son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard F. Lee, 33 Locust Street, in a 45 day furlough home from the European area. He has been in uniform since September, 1940, seeing service in Africa, Italy and France. Lee is 29 years old and a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church. He described an incident in a French town that points up the real fellowship existing between American men in service. It seems that he and some buddies met several Merchant Marine men in the town and the latter said, in effect, "We make more dough than you fellows, so the day is 'on us'." Lee and his group were given a high time and finally treated to dinner aboard ship. "the best I had while overseas," he said.

★ *Major Douglas W. Edwards*, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Edwards, 826 Tomblor Street, had a short leave home not long ago and even squeezed in a visit to his brother, John, at Niagara Falls. He is stationed at Richmond, Va. Another brother, *Leonard*, is attending radio school in Chicago.

★ For the past two years *Sgt. Harry Stonum* has been in charge of the Signal Corps photo laboratory at Ft. George Meade. Prior to that assignment he spent eleven months in Walter Reed Hospital as the result of falling into a tank trap while riding a horse in a field problem. He was then a member of Troop E, Third Cavalry, Ft. Meyers, Va.

★ *Pfc. Henry Gemberling* passed the first anniversary of his Army career on March 1, at Aberdeen, Md.

★ A short but enjoyable furlough home fell to the lot of *Pvt. Henry W. Fenon* recently. Afterwards he reported to Camp Meade, Md. for further assignment. Fenon, in the Army since December 12, last, has a wife and three children here in Bethlehem.

★ *William Matz, Jr.*, son of W. T. Matz, Main and Greenwich Streets, and member of Ebenezer Mennonite Church, has been assigned to Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo.

★ *Pvt. Morris E. Stickler, Jr.* is completing his schooling at Camp Crowder, Mo. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Stickler of 227 Laurel St. and was inducted November 27, 1944. His wife, Oletha, and son are looking for-



REV. DAVID H. FREDERICK
St. Stephen's Lutheran

ward to his return home on his next furlough.

★ *First Lieut. Gordon J. Wavrek* of 417 Woodlawn Ave., this city has spent a 30-day leave at home with his wife, the former Edith Unkle and parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Wavrek, 913 Third St., Fullerton. *Lt. Wavrek* entered the service, April, 1942, and was then a member of the 29th Division which gained fame in the European invasion. He attended the Officers Candidate School at Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Md., and received his commission in September, 1943, and shortly thereafter sailed for Iran to become a part of an ordnance unit, maintaining vehicles of the Motor Transport Service supplying Russia through the Iran corridor. He spent 28 months in all in the Middle East and has traveled extensively throughout those countries.

He is a graduate of Whitehall High School and before entering the service was employed by the Mack Manufacturing Corp., Allentown. He has now returned to Camp Shelby, Miss., for duty.

The last week of his leave he was able to spend with his uncle, Frederick Wavrek, who returned home after three years as an American Red Cross field director in the South Pacific.

★ Everyone is hoping *William "Mike" Brown*, son of Mrs. Silas Brown of 1118 Cherokee Street, will have a speedy recovery from the effects of three wounds which he received while overseas. Mike returned to the States and entered Tilton General Hospital. He was later sent to Walter Reed, where he now is.

★ After a 45-day furlough at home with his family, *Pfc. John A. Kresge* expects to return to Hawaii for re-assignment. He had previously spent 39 months in that island of romance. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Kresge, 1134 Spring Street.

★ *Pfc. Ernest Foulsham* had a very nice little visit with his wife not long ago. He is stationed at Ft. Worth, Texas.

THE NAVY AT SEA

"Don't Give Up The Ship"



REV. MILTON A. YAECK
College Hill Moravian

★ *William Reiss, S 2/c*, is fire control operator aboard a destroyer, out of Norfolk, Va. Bill is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Steward Reiss, 62 East Fairview St. He was a student at Liberty Hi before entering the Navy. St. Paul's Reformed Church has a star for him on its service flag.

duty in the Pacific. He has seen three years of overseas duty on the Atlantic Front.

★ *George S. Hartman, RdM 2/c*, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hartman of 601 Eaton Ave., after boot training at Camp Peary, Va., took up special work in radar. He shortly received the citation "most outstanding crewman" and was assigned to an L.S.T. Now somewhere in the Pacific he has the additional duty of being personal guard of the captain.

★ After participating in the invasion of Iwo Jima in February, *Albert M. Strohl, Mo. MM 2/c*, set out on another important job along with the rest of the LST crew who are his buddies. That was on March 23. In

chirstened by Dr. J. Christy Wilson in North Side Presbyterian Church.

★ *Robert J. Stahr, S 1/c*, writes to his folks, Mr. and Mrs. William Stahr, 332 W. Union Blvd., that he has seen plenty of action. He was assigned to a major ship January, '44, and has been in the thick of things at Truk (February, 1944), Philippines (September, 1944), Formosa (October, 1944), Okinawa and the Ryukus Islands (October, 1944) and the China Coast in January of '45. He states that there are recesses now and then. Some of the ports made recently are Majure, Eniwetok and Saipan, where the crews relax, fish, take trips to the beach, play ball, swim and loaf.



Albert Kauffman

Russell Behler

Robert Stohr

Murray Holman

John Palmer

Allen Dellman

★ Seeing the Pacific is *Ernest B. Lilly, S 2/c*, son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Lilly, 118 Cherry Street, Slatinton, Pa. Finishing his training at Sampson, N. Y. in 1943, he was sent on a tour of duty to Ireland. Returning home for a short stay, he was then assigned to a battlewagon and is now "touring" the Sea of Peace.

★ Our last news of *Cpl. William "Bill" Adams*, overseas since October of '44, placed him with the Third Army somewhere in Germany. He has been serving with the Anti-aircraft. He's the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Gordon Adams, Bethlehem R. D. 1, and husband of Joyce E. Klinger, 1013 Wood Street.

★ Panama—that's the present address of *James Keller, S 2/c*, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Keller, Hanover Street.

★ *Andrew Kudlak, M 3/c*, after specialized training at Richmond Navy School has recently been assigned to

service since November 26, 1943, he was recently advanced to his present rating.

★ *Melvin Sarik*, with the Merchant Marine, is shuttling between West Coast Ports and Alaska, Hawaii, and points west, since last February on the SS Cecil G. Sellers.

★ Since the last issue of Stars, *Clarence A. Jacoby*, 514 High St., has been advanced to Baker 3/c from Seaman 2/c. He now holds petty officer rating. He is a member of St. Mark's Lutheran church and is serving in the Pacific area.

★ *Frank R. Pulley, F 1/c*, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Pulley, Jr., 217 Seventh Ave. is serving aboard a baby flattop and was last reported in the Atlantic theatre. He has been in the Navy since June 1, 1943.

★ *Ens. Thomas Fleisher* is now engineering officer on an LSM, commissioned in January. On a recent furlough Tom and his wife had their son

★ *Cpls. T. Walter Young and Robert J. Young*, clerk of Quarter Sessions Court for Northampton County, have been together since going overseas with the famous 213th Regiment (First Defenders) Anti-Aircraft 30 months ago. They served in Africa, Corsica and France. Recently they have been transferred from the 213th to the 360th Military Police Company and are still in Europe.

★ Since April 1 *Charles W. Keiper, S 1/c*, has been at sea in the Pacific area. He has worn the blues since July, 1944. Charles is the son of Russell Keiper, Bethlehem R. D. 1, and a member of St. Thomas Church, Macada.

★ Education continues to be the field of Lt. (j.g.) F. T. Kernan, former teacher at Liberty Hi. He is now at Pearl Harbor interviewing men for school and college extension courses, and for spare time correspondence courses.



Charles Morgan, Jr.

Norman Schuler

George Hartman

Thomas Fleisher

James Keller

Charles Keiper

★ *Miles J. Frederick*, nephew of Mrs. Marie Hetrick, 421 Montclair Avenue, is in the Hawaiian Islands attached to a classification center interviewing returning servicemen. His wife and three children are living at Wilmington, Del. Miles had been a resident of Hatfield, Pa. after moving from Bethlehem. News of him comes to Stars via St. Mark's Lutheran Church.

★ When he was 17 years old *Owen J. Moyer*, S 1/c, enlisted in the Navy. 'Twas in September, 1943. Now he's a salty salt with miles of ocean water passed under the ships he's sailed on on most of the seas of the world. Owen has been assigned to armed guard duty aboard merchant ships.

★ Last word of *William R. Malloy*, EM 3/c, was that he was serving aboard a destroyer escort in the Pacific somewhere. He and his wife, the former Kathryn Heimbrook of 223 East Garrison Street, are the parents of a fine boy. Bill is a member of Nativity Church and has been in service since April 18, 1944.

★ *William Robert Trembath*, S 1/c, has completed his course at torpedo school, Great Lakes, Ill., and is now stationed in the Pacific area. Bob wrote home that he was pleasantly surprised when he boarded the boat to which he was assigned to find another Bethlehem boy in the crew. (Too bad he didn't tell us his name!) Writing to his aunt, Mrs. A. Landrock, 610 South Bishophorpe Street, he asked her to send him a small knife, a jeweler's cloth and some chain cord for stringing shells. Friends in Fritz Methodist Church are speculating that Bob is going into the curio business!

★ *Norman S. Schuler*, EM 2/c, is reportedly on Manus Island of the Admiralty group. He entered the Navy June 20, 1944; was a boot at Sampson; and completed his electrician's mate course at Perdue University in January of this year. He sailed a few weeks later. Norman is a graduate of Fountain Hill Hi and the husband of a Quakertown girl, the former Betty Jane Fluck.



REV. P. T. STENGELE
Ebenezer Mennonite

★ Friends of *Robert Brader*, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Brader, 222 Wall Street, will be glad to know that Bob has been made a Petty Officer 1/c. He has been at a rest camp in Plymouth, England. He enlisted two years ago and participated in the invasion of France. He completed boot training at Sampson, N. Y. and went to theory and advance Diesel engine school at Richmond, Va. Bob and his wife, the former Irene Goodfriend, are the parents of an infant son.



William Malloy

Ernest Lilly

Walter Clift

Miles Fredericks

Owen Moyer

Robert Brader

★ It's back to sea for Lt. (j.g.) *Frank Dulin, Jr.*, U.S.N.R., former leader of the Boy Scout troop at North Side Presbyterian Church. Frank was home in Bethlehem and at Ft. Wayne, Ind., where his parents live, on a 30-day leave. His work aboard a communications ship has taken him to Kwajalein, Saipan, Leyte and the Philippines. He's been ashore in some of these places and enjoyed a weekend in Australia.

★ *Russell P. Behler*, RT 3/c, son of Mr. and Mrs. Archie Behler, 133 East Ettwein Street, recently got into port from a trip to Oran in North Africa. (Remember when Oran was big news?) A radio technician, Russ has been in service since November 21, 1942. He was a bootee at Curtis Bay, Md. and attended the Capitol Radio Engineering Institute, Silver Springs, Md. He received his third class rating while working at the U. S. Coast Guard repair base, Staten Island, N. Y. He's a former BSCo. employee.

★ *Charles W. Morgan, Jr.*, S 2/c, has been assigned to sea duty and is somewhere in the Pacific theatre of war.

★ *Murray C. Holman*, WT 3/c, is at sea with the Coast Guard, the service he entered in December of '43. Murray is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Holman, 2138 Glendale Avenue and the husband of the former Angeline Fresoli. He trained at Manhattan Beach and in Delaware. After serving aboard the U.S.S. Albuquerque, he was returned to Seattle, Washington, for reassignment to another vessel, sailing from San Francisco.

★ *Walter Clift*, third class petty officer, is serving aboard a Destroyer escort as radar man. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Clift, Sr., Walt enlisted July 21, 1943 when he was 17 years old. The folks live at 619 Frankford Street.



Frank Pulley

Ray Flurer

★ *Alan Dellman*, S 2/c, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alan Dellman of Garrison Street, was last reported to be in South China. He went into the Navy last August, took his boot training at Great Lakes and advanced training at Ft. Pierce. He's a member of Christ Evangelical & Reformed Church.

★ The South Pacific is the present habitat of *John A. Palmer*, S 1/c, member of an LST crew. He left the States in May, 1944. John is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Merle Palmer, 322 West North Street. He has been in the Navy since November, '43, training first at Sampson, then at Bainbridge.

★ *Ray D. Flurer*, F 1/c, has served nine months or more in the Pacific and participated in three major engagements, Tinian, Saipan and Leyte. Possibly in others by the time this is written and published. He's been in the Navy since August, 1943. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Titus Flurer, 1925 Montgomery Ave.

★ *Albert Kauffman*, EM 3/c, in the Navy since July 26, 1943, writes home that he is well and busy. No inkling as to his whereabouts.

THE NAVY IN HOME WATERS

"Fleet's In — Every Man For Himself"



DR. G. FRANKLIN GEHR
Salem Lutheran

★ After a year aboard a destroyer in the North Atlantic theater of operations, *Rahyl Lufbury Ocock, GM 3/c* spent a short furlough with his wife and mother in Bethlehem.

★ *Myron J. Luch*, son of the late Myron J. Luch, Lehigh University faculty member, and Mrs. Luch, 737 Seventh Avenue, is studying Radar at the University of Oklahoma.

★ *Charles R. Ihle, C 2/c*, stationed at Norfolk, Va., doing ship's company guard duty, was home for the Easter weekend to see his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Ihle, 1054 Jeter Avenue. He has been in service since February 17, 1944.

★ Veteran of several trips across the "Big Pond", *Earl Kutz, S 1/c*, formerly of Friedensville, is now stationed at Armed Guard Center, Brooklyn, N. Y. Kutz donned the Navy blue in February, 1944. After boot training at Sampson, he was sent to Camp Shelton, Va., for gunnery schooling. He was then assigned to the U.S.S. Houston. Recently he was detached and spent a 22-day leave with his parents and his wife, the former Doris Wetzel, and his year-old daughter, Judith Elaine.

★ *John W. Pharo* has been advanced to Radio Technician 3/c while attending radio school at Navy Pier, Chicago. He is enjoying the famed hospitality of Chicago's many Service Men Centers whenever liberty permits. Eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Donald Pharo, 818 Highland Avenue, he entered the Navy, July 26, 1944, before completing his senior year at Lehigh University, and received his boot training at Great Lakes N. T. S. He also attended the Hugh Manley pre-radio school in Chicago and received his primary training at Gulfport, Mississippi.

★ *William Lasso*, whose brother, Roland, marked his 20th birthday in May, himself celebrated his 24th anniversary on April 14. Bill, husband of the former Arlene Paulus, is a seaman second class and stationed at Bainbridge, Md.



William Reiss

James Simpson

John Crouthamel

William Lasso

Richard Schaffer

John Pharo

★ *John M. Antolick, A.M.M. 3/c*, who was confined to a hospital at Skoemaker, Calif., has been honorably discharged from the service.

★ *Richard E. Schaffer, A/S*, is studying engineering at Marquette University, Milwaukee, Wisc. He is the son of City Treasurer and Mrs. Earl Schaffer, 1136 North New Street, and a member of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church.

★ *Elwood Klinger's* family was with him at Cocoa, Fla. at last report. He is a storekeeper third class, having studied to be an aviation storekeeper at the same place. He was inducted March, 1944.

★ *Benjamin F. Muschlitz, F 1/c*, who entered the Navy, May 17, 1944, is now in South Carolina. He's the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry J. Muschlitz, Sr., of Hellertown, and married to the former Barbara Romonia. They have one son.

★ *John A. Crouthamel, GM 3/c*, is now gunnery instructor at Shell Beach, La. anti-aircraft training center. He was inducted December 16, 1943 and graduated with his present rating May 20, 1944 from gunnery school at Newport, R. I. He is the son of Mrs. Bessie Crouthamel, 614 S. Hoffert St., Fountain Hill.

★ *Jim Simpson, S 2/c*, son of Mrs. Norman Simpson, Main Street, is at Norfolk, Va., or was when this was written. These Navy men get about so fast there's no telling where they may be in a few days from any other day! He's an "alumnus" of Bethlehem Steel and a member of St. John's Evangelical Church.

★ Nativity Church reported a short time ago that *James Bucchin* was expected home from overseas by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Bucchin, Sr., 246 E. North St.

★ On a recent visit to Nativity Church of a Sunday morning, *Harry Bennett 3rd, AM 3/c*, was warmly greeted by his many friends.



Benjamin Muschlitz

Earl Kutz

Elwood Klinger

Charles Ihle

Myron Luch, Jr.

Ernest Matus

NAVY IN THE AIR



Willard Fritch



REV. C. EUGENE BLUM
Bethany Reformed



George Fox



Ernest Bush



Willard Paden



Harold Amey

★ Efforts to save the plane in which he crashed from burning cost *Ernest Matus, AMM*, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Matus, 734 Cherokee Street, slight burns. Ernie was serving at Kalmath Falls, Ore. at the time. His plane was reported missing on a flight and he was unreported for three weeks. At last, arriving back at the Falls, in sight of base, the return flight crash landed and the ship caught fire. Ernie is an aerial gunner and repair man. He has been in the service since July 10, 1943.

★ *Lt. Milan J. Daniel, U.S.N.R.*, brother of Rev. John Daniel, after three years in the Pacific Area, has returned to stateside and is now instructor at the Beaufort, So. Carolina, Naval Air Station.

★ *Lt. (j.g.) George Fox* recently was made First Pilot on a Navy air transport based at Pearl Harbor.

★ *Ernest R. Bush AAOM 3/c, U. S. N. R.*, is instructing in aerial gunnery at Jacksonville, Okla.

THE DISTAFF CORPS

★ *Pfc. Virginia M. Bankhard, WAC*, is now in the Philippines, word to her family indicates. She had been in New Guinea, where she celebrated a birthday on May 4. She has been in service since May, 1943. After preliminary training she was assigned to Australia, arriving there in May of '44. She's a regular correspondent and writes faithfully to friends and family. Virginia is a member of the Cathedral Church of The Nativity.

★ News of the advancement of *Janet Dennis, U. S. Naval Hospital, San-tigago, Cal.*, to the rank of lieutenant junior grade, U. S. N. C. has reached Stars. Janet planned a visit home in May.

★ *Pvt. Lillian Beil, of Hellertown*, is at Camp Beale, Calif., as a WAC physio-therapist. She announced her engagement at Christmastime to *Cpl. Raymond Takey, of Madison, Wis.* One brother, *S/Sgt. Joseph C. Beil*, participated in the race for Berlin of the 9th Army. He was overseas from December 3, 1943 and entered France on D-Day with the 2nd Armored Division of the 1st Army. He crossed France through St. Lo and went into Belgium. He was slightly wounded twice and has the Purple Heart with Oak Leaf cluster, the second injury coming while he was in Belgium on the day before Christmas, 1944. Lillian's other brother, *James*, is a corporal with the 3rd Army.

★ *Adele Yaniga, S 1/c*, recently brought us the latest news about her brothers. She finds life very interesting at Quonset Point, Rhode Island, N.A.S., and says that brother *Sgt. John USMC*, is in Pacific, and brother *Sgt. Stephen* of the Army is at Kessler Field, Miss., with an A.A.F. Base Unit. They are all feeling fine, including *Sgt. John*, who was injured in the Saipan and Marshall Islands campaigns while assaulting Japanese Pill Boxes.

BROTHERS AND SISTER



Ralph Becker



Melva Becker



Gordon Thomas

★ Brother and sister and brother-in-law is this combination of *Ralph E. Becker, S 1/c, Melva Becker, Y 3/c*, and *Pfc. Gordon Thomas*. The Beckers are son and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Becker, 825 North Pine St. Starting with Ralph, he is somewhere in the southwest Pacific with the Navy air forces and he went overseas shortly after his 18th birthday, April 16, 1944. Melva celebrated a year in service June 29 at her post at Whiting Field, Milton, Fla. She trained at Hunter College, at Stillwater College, Stillwater, Okla., and at Pensacola, Fla. Melva is a graduate of

Liberty Hi. One claim to fame of which she boasts is that since joining the Navy she has been Maid of Honor at service weddings three times. (When are you going to be the principal figure, young lady?)

As for Gordon Thomas, he is in Germany with an armored division of the 9th Army, having been serving since June 1, 1944. He went across and landed in England and subsequently saw service in France, Holland, Belgium and Germany. He has received the Combat Infantryman's badge. Gordon is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Christ of Allentown.

WITH THE LEATHERNECKS

"They Fight For Right And Freedom"



Paul McCleery Cornelius Montgomery Monroe Peters

★ *Pfc. Albert Yurack, USMC*, who spent long months in the Pacific battles and recently assigned to Philadelphia Navy Yard, has a brother *Pfc. Joseph M. Yurack, USMC*, who recently joined with a desire to emulate his kid brother Albert and do his bit for the Flag. He is now at Parris Island, So. Carolina.

★ Here's a note of real interest, especially to you who follow the fortunes of the U. S. Marines. *Cornelius Montgomery*, second lieutenant in the Corps, and a torpedo bomber pilot, was selected to serve with the first all-Marine aircraft Carrier Group. He's now with his squadron aboard the carrier in the Pacific area. Although Marine flyers have served aboard Navy carriers in the past and are still doing so, this is the first time the Leathernecks have operated one of its own ships of this type.

Primary purpose of these "flat-tops" is to support Marine amphibious landings.

Lieut. Montgomery is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Montgomery, Bethlehem R. D. 2. He graduated from Miami, Fla. Hi in 1937 and attended Moravian College, Bethlehem, prior to entering Marine aviation. He served as an enlisted man from January '42 to January '43 and became a private first class. He entered flight training from the ranks and received his wings and commission at Corpus Christi, Texas, in December, 1943.

★ You will find an item about *Pvt. Paul McCleery* under LAST TAPS. There had been another little story about Paul written to accompany his picture, but before Stars could be published this time, word of his death in action on Okinawa had been received. He was a member of the famous 4th Marine Division.



STARS' LETTER BOX

★ We had a nice card from *Lester D. Himmelwright, F 2/c*, dated May 5 in which he acknowledged receipt of the March and Christmas issues of Stars and says he knows many of the fellows whose pictures appeared.

★ A letter from *Cpl. Dale Kemmerer* says: "I have just now (May 25) received your March issue of Stars and it couldn't have come to me at a better place. I have been in the hospital for the last fifteen days (in the Philippines) and I don't know how much longer I will be here. I have had a case of yellow jaundice and believe me, I have been really sick for a while, but now am starting to come back to normal. That is why the Stars came in handy here. Mail is scarce and then looking at the book and reading all about your friends and knowing where they are and what they are doing sure does make you feel a lot better." Dale has been getting his Stars regularly, he says, and quotes a buddy from Bethlehem, recently arrived (*Eugene Kunsman*) as saying, "Boy, Stars is sure a help to us fellows!"

(We don't quote these little bits of praise for Stars from any ulterior motive but simply to let you folks at home who are helping with the work know it is appreciated—Editor)

★ Dated May 30, from Oahu, T. H., is this letter from *Cpl. Lloyd A. Fatzinger*, who says, among other things, that many fellows from other communities, upon seeing Stars, have said they like it. He adds a word of praise for the March "Pen In Hand" and goes on to say: "Home means all of that (as expressed in our writing)—it is our own paradise, but more than that, it is our future. We in the service guide our lives with but one single solitary thought—HOME! We are in this but more

than all else we won't quit until we are sure we can get Home once again and be able to say that we did our best to keep what Home means to us just that. We live from day to day to GO Home!"

Since I've been here in Hawaii I've bumped into more fellows from home. Wayne Yohe is right here on the same airfield, although in a different outfit. We heard Don Henn is here on the field but so far neither of us has seen him." In a PS he says he made the trip over in the same ship Joyce Sieger and that subsequently he saw her several times.

★ *Pvt. Warren Bealer* has written as of May 12 in Puerto Rico of receiving Stars. He also enclosed his picture, which we will use sometime. Warren has been in P. R. 16 months.

★ Here is word from *Dick Frederick SF 2/c*, stationed in the Marianas with an aviation (Navy) repair unit, who says: "I have received three copies of Stars since I have arrived overseas and I wish to thank you and Bethany church for thinking of me. . . . I have traveled a great distance since I received my last issue and I only hope the next catches up with me. . . . I have seen some wonderful sights, but of course those stories will have to wait 'till I get home. Remember me to all the fellows in the service."

★ Writes *Bob Ettwein, S 2/c*, after a 30-day shore leave during which he visited his home here in Bethlehem: "People sure were swell to me and it makes a guy feel pretty good. Some places a sailor is treated like a dog and other places like a king. Well, Bethlehem sure treats a guy swell. I know, 'cause I was out of the States and Bethlehem sure is a good place to live. I wish you'd publish the following for me—

"Hello" to all the Main and Laurel Sts. gang from Sunny California! (he was at San Bruno when he wrote). 'Hello' to all the rest of you Ettweins in the Navy. Also 'Hello' to my fiancée, *Audrey Lee*, Army Nurse Corps. See you all in Japan at the Hamburger stand!"

★ "Hello Griff," writes *Pfc. Louis Pors* from his South Pacific post, "I just received my copy of Stars. Thanks. Some buddy of mine, *Sgt. John Green*, says he knows you. He met you but I'm darned if I know the place. . . . I ran into *John Faldo*. He and I are god friends."

★ This note acknowledges cards from *Lt. (jg) Charles T. Edwards, U.S.N.R.*, and *Cpl. Charles Baer, U.S.M.C.*

★ Dated April 25 is this letter from *Carl F. Wagner, S 1/c*, who says: "I've been gone now out of the States for over a year . . . I've been aboard the . . . for twenty-five months and to a lot of places, such as the Philippines, Saipan, Okinawa, Kyushu, and off Tokyo. I've spent a few days of recreation on the island of Mog Mog in the Carolines. We play ball and go swimming there."

★ Still in Germany when he wrote on April 16, *Pfc. Robert Moyer* said: "So far I haven't seen any of the boys I knew back home but expect to someday. A lot of the fellows have been mighty lucky meeting their buddies over here and in the Pacific area. Our outfit is off the lines now. . . I see that Charley Keeler has a letter in Stars almost every issue. He must like to write because I hear from him quite often. I was glad to learn that Ronny Gangwere had been released from German prison camp." Answering your query about the *Globe-Times*, Bob, would say that "Annie doesn't work here any more!" Get me?

★ *Kyril O. Carty, Jr.* sent his picture, taken in a captured German auto. He dated his letter from "Foxhole #198" and said, "Send my regards to *Pfc. Maurice Price, William Bonamonte, AMM 3/c*, and to *George Adams*. The letter was written before V-E Day.

★ Difficulties of many sorts are making the intervals between issues of Stars longer and longer and for this reason some of the letters we reprint are rather old, but they are, for the most part, interesting, so we continue to use them because we feel they will help long-separated friends to keep "in the know" about each other to a certain extent.

★ *Pfc. John Ulrich*, early in the year from somewhere in Belgium, wrote to say "thanks" for the Christmas issue. "It was quite a pleasant surprise," he said. "First, in that it came through the intricacies of the Army Post offices at all, and secondly in its format. It is very agreeable to have one's wife's picture practically jump at one from a printed page. Next to Shirley herself, and my next furlough, Shirley's picture is my most cherished possession. And there is another opportune angle to Stars in that it gave us all over here a chance to look and say, 'so, that's who he married!'"

★ On March 18, *S/Sgt. George J. Albert* wrote to say, "During my two and a half years in the service I have always wondered where the Bethlehmites had been keeping themselves. Well, Stars has given me quite a bit

of information as to the whereabouts of my friends. Needless to say that it makes enjoyable reading. . . I am under the assumption that *Rev. Baker*, pastor of the South Side Presbyterian Church, of which I am a member, turned in my name for the receipt of Stars. Please convey my heartiest thanks for his most considerate action. (Your name is on the church's mailing list, George, but your thanks to Mr. Baker are apropos just the same, for through his interest the church is cooperating in Stars.)

"At present I am in the Pacific theatre of war. I have made numerous moves and have seen quite a bit of the islands, and during my 18 months overseas I have discovered that the beauty of the tropical isles as created by our Hollywood artists is partially true—yet I'm still waiting for a 'Dorothy Lamour.'"



★ Writing from the Panama Canal Zone on April 5, *T/5 Harry Deutsch* said, "I have been receiving Stars ever since August, 1942, when I enlisted. . . I have completed 27 months down here guarding the Panama Canal and from the looks of things I probably will serve many more months on the same job. Panama isn't an active zone, but brother, show me a more monotonous one!"

★ *Jim Anders, Air Cadet* at Brooks Field, Texas, wrote on April 14: "I had been going around with *Johnnie Keefe* and *John Barrett* (before his Army days began) but since they entered the service I have not heard from them. While on furlough in July, '44, I met Keefe, and he told me he was going overseas. That was the last I heard of him. I haven't seen *John Barrett* since March, 1943. . . I always read "Brother and Sister" but as yet have never seen any mention of our family mentioned. Here is the deal—I entered the AAF, April 27, 1943, went through radio school, graduated, made *Pfc.*, joined cadets, had 8½ months of pre-flight and am now a code instructor for flying officers while awaiting further flight training. Exactly six months later, October 27, 1943, my brother *Walter*, joined the Navy, went through Midshipman school, received the rank of ensign, and has been overseas since November as skipper of

an LCI. In July, 1944, my sister, *Fanniebelle*, joined the Marines. She is at Arlington, Va. with the rank of *Pfc.* as an instructor in physical training. On the 9th of this month my younger brother, *Pat*, was made a midshipman in the Merchant Marine. He will receive further training for his ensign's commission. That makes one officer, two in training (including myself) and one *Pfc.*, each in a different branch of the service."

★ "*Chuck*" *Wesner* is a faithful correspondent and we have had another letter from him dated April 21 in which he asks *Walter Glina* to get in touch with him. *Chuck* at the time was awaiting assignment at Advanced Base Personnel Pool, Navy 128, % FPO, San Francisco, Calif. He had recently come from the hospital.

★ Dated Burma, April 22, comes this letter from *Lt. E. B. (Dr.) Deibert, M.C.*: "It is not likely," he writes, "that many service families know exactly what my type of Engineer unit does. To begin with, we are probably the least military of any branch of the army, being called upon to fight only an emergency. Most of us are thankful for our relative safety, and try to console ourselves with the fact that we contribute indirectly to the phenomenal progress our fighting brothers are making in the front lines. While they fight, our men do work similar to that of a general contractor back home, with rifles at their sides. Our biggest job, of course, has been the Ledo Road, which is now finished and requires only maintenance. In closing, I shall make a selfish admission—I always look forward to seeing the abundance of pictures of my former baby patients (1)."

★ "Okinawa Shima, Ryuku Rhetto, Japan, April 26." That's how *Captain Carstens Y. Haas* heads his letter, a very interesting sidelight on the war, for it brings home somehow more vividly the fact that our boys are actually fighting in Japan now. *Captain Haas* writes: ". . . I wed *Lois Anderson, Elizabeth, N. J.*, in January, 1942, and was promptly called for active duty in May. We traveled about the country in Army style until the Spring of 1943. Then, in December of that year our son, *Richard*, was born while I was in Hawaii. The intervening months took me to Attu with our now famous division, and hurried me south to Oahu that fall. From there we took in the excursion to Kwajalein, and finally assaulted Leyte in the Philippines in October, 1944. No sooner had that arduous campaign ended than we sailed for Okinawa. Here we are at last, beginning our third year in the Pacific,

beating on the front yard wall of the Empire, Tokyo in sight. But the fight has just begun here.

"I'm tremendously proud to be a member of the 7th Division. It may be coincidence, but did you know we have four "firsts" to our credit? On Attu we were first to retake U. S. soil which had fallen to the enemy after Pearl Harbor. At Kwajalein we wrested the first Jap-held territory from the enemy. We joined other divisions first ashore in the liberation of the Philippines. And now, in General Buckner's army we are among the first to set foot in the Jap empire itself. This island is one of the chain (Rhetto) which forms the Prefect, or State, a part of the Nip empire.

Would you believe it, in all these wanderings I have only met one Bethlehemite. One day near Ormoc (Leyte) Henry "Bud" Schreiter, also of Grace Church, puffed up the hill to our CP and paid an official call at our office tent, and before he'd left we had both discovered each other. He was executive officer on an LST at the time, and for all I know may have since gone to Luzon."

★ *Pfc. Peter Chovan* enclosed an interesting little newspaper, "Guinea Gold", in his letter from the Netherlands East Indies, written May 24. Pete is cooking in the kitchen of the 9th General Hospital. He was last in New Guinea. "There are quite a few fellows here from Bethlehem," he says. "Some of the names are Duda, Babyak, Lipko. I just met a patient here in our hospital by the name of Pador. When I get finished with Stars I'll give it to him."

"Guinea Gold" is about 12 inches square and has four pages. It is captioned "American Edition" and its format is in typical newspaper style, with lots of war news on page one. In fact the whole paper is devoted mainly to war news. There is a long account of "Hitler's Last Hours in Berlin." A terse description of a cricket match between the Australian XI and the English Eleven at Lords occupies a little better than a column on the back page along with news of soccer, football, boxing, etc. It's really a neat sheet.

★ April 30, "In Port," *Art Jones, S 1/c*, heads his letter. He says, "I have just received the March issue of Stars and there were quite a few pictures of fellows whom I know. I have heard from *Curtis Beidelman* several times and we were home on leave at the same time and didn't know it. I'd much rather be in the Mediterranean (he's in the Pacific area now) instead of here. I haven't been in this section long, but I sure don't like it." He mentions a meeting

with *Rahyl O'Cock* in Africa early in the war.

★ The war was nearing its end in Germany when *Pfc. William Gieske* wrote. "Just a short letter from over here to let you know how much I enjoy Stars. I keep looking for fellows from Bethlehem over here but haven't run across any yet. I'm attached to the 7th Corps, First Army. . . . The Belgian people really gave us a good time. I've met some very nice people there. When we get a pass to Verviers we go back to visit the people who billeted us during September. We are now in Germany and I've been to Aachen, Stolberg, Mossbach and Eschweiler."

★ It begins to look as if no issue of Stars can possibly be considered complete if it doesn't contain some word from that indefatigable correspondent and ace of penmen, that writer of beautifully legible script so small as to need a magnifying glass—none other than "Ike" Trumbore! Ike is still in the China-Burma-India theatre and dates his letter "Assam-27-May 1945" in true Army style.

He says, after the usual salutation: "This is your base station 'KAY'—overlooking the beautiful Assam Valley—deep in the heart of mosquito bog and leech's paradise. Your honorable Burma-India GI reporting—a little off the beam as usual. Trumbore—you're on. Roger over!" After a bit of "Trumborizing" (his own brand of philosophizing) concerning this and that and Stars and jungle life, he says, "This is our 26th month coming up and we may not go home for quite a while. We, ourselves, expected to be on our way by now, but when the ETO pulled down the curtain it also pulled ours down. We quit counting the days after the 30th of April—but now it looks as if we're gonna have to start counting all over again; not only the days, but the months. And I wanted so much to see Dad when he came home this year. He arrived on Mother's Day—the best gift Mother could've received. That helps a lot, and I'm so happy for both of them.

"My brother never mentioned whether he receives Stars or not—but if he's on the mailing list of my church, I guess he must get it . . ."

THE MELTING POT

★ News bits of the three *Hauze* boys, *Bill, Dick* and *Don*. Bill took a bride October 21, 1944 while on furlough. At last word he was awaiting orders to move to a Pacific base

at Victorville, Calif. Dick has been in service since April 24, 1943 and is in Kansas. Donald is with Patton in Germany. He was reported hospitalized. He's been in the service since September 15, 1944.

★ Friends of *Charles "Tony" Early 3rd* are glad to know that he is improving from an attack of meningitis, sustained at Sampson, N. Y.

★ *Robert M. Fuller* received his second lieutenant's commission April 24 at Ft. Benning, Ga.

★ Friends of *Pvt. Leonard Gross*, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Gross, Easton R. D. 3, were gladdened along toward the middle of May to see Len again, for he had been a prisoner of the Germans from January until he was liberated from Bad Orb, Frankfurt-on-Main, April 2, by Patton's troops. He was returned to the States April 29 for a 60-day furlough and reassignment subsequently at Atlantic City.

★ *Cpl. Robert A. Adamy*, who is living at Ft. Meyers, Fla. and on duty at a nearby prisoner-of-war camp, writes that the PW's believe our news reports are solely propaganda, that the Japs are on the West Coast and that Detroit, Philadelphia and New York are in ruins. Since his letter in which these remarks were made pre-dates German surrender, the opinions of the German prisoners must certainly have changed—and how!

★ *Stuart Carothers, T/5*, is in the Field Artillery Officer Candidate school at Ft. Sill, Okla. Upon completion of his course he will become a 2nd lieutenant. Carothers spent one year in the Aleutian Islands (Br-r-r-r-r-r!). His brother, *Hamilton*, is a transportation officer in the Philippines while another brother, *Neil*, is a radar test pilot at the Naval Air Station, Patuxent River, Md.

★ A happy reunion after a long separation was enjoyed by *2nd Lieut. Thelma M. Wack, A.N.C.*, and her brother, *William H. Wack, Jr., WT 2/c*, who met in Hawaii. On another occasion *Lieut. Wack* ran across *Lieut. Joyce Sieger*, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Emory Sieger, 228 W. Fairview St., a training school chum, at Longview, Texas. Brother Bill has taken part in two invasions. Another brother, *Robert B.*, is in the Maritime Service. He has been serving since November, 1944. Bob is a member of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church; the family belongs to Holy Trinity.

★ *Kenneth E. Bloss, WT 3/c*, and his wife, *Virginia*, nee *Schwartz*, baptized their infant daughter, *Georgia*

Ann, on the afternoon of April 15 at their home in Freemansburg, in the presence of relatives and friends. Pastor Shelter of Trinity E & R Church performed the service. *Georgia Ann* was born January 25 in St. Luke's Hospital.

★ Scanning the broad waters of the Pacific for enemy craft, for Yanks adrift and for new targets to shoot at is *Harold Amey*, *AMM 3/c*, member of the crew of a patrol bomber and in the Pacific area since February. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John C. Amey, 2004 Kemmerer St. and a member of Zion E. & R. Church. Prior to shipping overseas he had been on duty at Whitby Island.

★ One of the most bizzare stories to come out of Europe since the ending of the war against Germany is that of *Pfc. William "Bill" Daggett*, reported dead in an official telegram on August 30, 1944, but who turned up very much alive at the close of hostilities. Bill was captured by the Germans at a small French town called Percy after his pretense of being "dead" while the Jerry troops searched the field for the wounded after an engagement failed.

He was taken to Rheims, then to Luxembourg, and ended in a prison camp, Stalag 7-B, about 35 miles from the Swiss border. During his stay there there were frequent air raids and one night the camp was bombed and Bill and the other American prisoners were moved to a school house. While on the move an American unit caught up with them and they were liberated.

Bill has been in service since February, 1942. He went across October 15, 1942 and participated in the African invasion on November 8, landing in French Morocco. He took part in the Tunisian campaign, the battle for Bizerte, and at Maknassy he was the recipient of a Presidential citation. After the African campaign he went to Sicily and after a bit was transferred to England. On June 23, 1944, during the battle before Cherbourg, he was hit by shrapnel, and received the Purple Heart for his wound. After hospitalization he returned to the fighting lines and was in the St. Lo area when captured.

As a consequence to the report that he was killed, his insurance was paid to his mother, who also received his Purple Heart appropriately engraved. When it was learned he was alive, both the insurance money and the medal were returned.

★ *S/Sgt. Donald L. Jacobs*, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Jacobs of Monocacy Street, has been awarded the Air Medal. It was pinned to his blouse

by Colonel J. H. Davidson, commanding officer at the AAF Training Command Station, Chanute Field, Ill. The medal is for "meritorious service in combat." *Sgt. Jacobs* is a student in the instrument course at Chanute, studying various technical operations in the operation and maintenance of fighting planes.

★ *Lt. John W. Young, Jr.*, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Young, Huntingdon Avenue, has been graduated from AAF Combat Training School at Laredo, Texas, Army Air Field. He now rates as an Aircraft Observer (Flexible Gunner).

★ *Pvt. Robert E. Fritz* has been enjoying a furlough from Camp Blanding, Fla.

★ Word has been received of the promotion of *Captain John E. Lagouros*, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Lagouros, Flot Avenue, to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel in the Coast Artillery (Anti-Aircraft). He is a veteran of the Bougainville campaign and a graduate of Moravian Prep. and Lehigh University, 1940.

★ As a member of the crew of the cruiser *Phoenix*, *Robert R. Gross*, petty officer, *3/c*, has been in on a lot of real action. Bob, son of Police Sgt. and Mrs. R. R. Gross, 27 West Fairview Street, has been in the combat forces for more than 30 months. He has been a member of the *Phoenix's* crew since 1943, being assigned after the ship underwent overhauling in the U. S.

The *Phoenix*, survivor of Pearl Harbor, has been in more than 30 Pacific operations. After the overhaul mentioned, she went back into the fray to support General MacArthur's landings in the New Guinea campaigns, in the Philippines and in Manila Bay. She operated in the Indian Ocean, Coral Sea, Australia, and other hot spots, and her crew is proud of their record in gunnery against enemy craft and airplanes.

★ Thirty-two months of overseas duty is the record of *Cpl. Jack Wright*, one of five brothers in the armed forces. *Cpl. Wright* recently returned from abroad with his honorable discharge. He holds the Purple Heart and wears six battle stars on his campaign bar. His latest assignment was with the 185th Engineers, Fifth Army.

His brother, *Sgt. Elwood Wright*, left in September, 1940, along with Jack, in the 213th Regiment, Coast Artillery (Anti-Aircraft). The other brothers are *Alfred*, *CPO 2/c*, at home at present; *Cpl. Harry*, overseas with a chemical warfare outfit; *Cpl. James*, in France with a Troop Carrier squadron; and *Robert*, a Naval trainee at Sampson, N. Y.

★ The Distinguished Service Cross has been presented to *Lt. Claude J. Hafner*, 623 Eighth Avenue, for heroism and outstanding leadership displayed during action at Oetingen, France. The Cross was given to *Lt. Hafner* by Maj. Gen. Arthur R. Wilson, commanding general of the Continental Advance Section. The citation accompanying the award reads: "On the night of February 6, 1945, *Lt. Hafner's* company was pinned down by intense machine-gun, rifle and grenade fire during an attack near Oetingen, France. *Lt. Hafner* fearlessly led two men against the enemy positions and forced the surrender of three Germans in the nearest emplacements. He then moved a squad forward and cleared two connecting dugouts, taking six more prisoners. At daylight he again distinguished himself by leading four men against by-passed positions, killing one defender, bayonetting another and capturing seven prisoners. *Lt. Hafner's* heroic leadership and his inspiring, courageous devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the military service."

★ Two Bethlehem Naval officers escaped serious injury and possible death during the bombing attack on the aircraft carrier, U. S. S. *Bunker Hill*. *Lt. (s.g.) Stuart Hockenbury* came out without a scratch while *Lt. (s.g.) Richard O. Herstine* sustained only a burned hand. A Navy report says 392 men died and 264 were wounded as a result of the Jap suicide plane attacks on May 11 off Okinawa. *Lt. Hockenbury* was on duty on the third deck when the Jap planes hit. *Lt. Herstine*, assistant communications officer, was also on duty.

★ Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Miller of 929 Sixth Avenue have been informed by the War Department of the nature of the mishap in which their son, *Lt. L. E. Miller*, *AAF*, was reported missing on March 8. According to this information, *Lt. Miller* was on his ninth mission as bombardier aboard a B-24, target somewhere in Hungary, when the plane, fully loaded and with a complement of 11 men, went into a tailspin over the Adriatic Sea and fell into the water. Rescue parties failed to find any trace of the bomber or its crew. *Lt. Miller* would have been 21 years old on June 21, last. He had been in the service since June, 1943, and was a graduate of Liberty High, class of 1942. He had attended Lehigh University for one year. A brother, *Lt. Edwin H. Miller*, is with the Q. M. Corps in Holland.



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