



BETHLEHEMITES MEET IN AFRICA—Capt. Edward Venetianer, of Eleventh Avenue, on a recent trip to Africa, met a group of townsmen with whom he had a pleasant visit. Capt. Venetianer is shown in the center of the group (standing). The ten Bethlehemites he met, only nine of whom are shown with him in the picture above, are Tech. Louis F. Domotoc, 1812 Jennings Street; Pvt. Preston W. Laible, R. D. 3; Pvt. Stewart R. Hall, 1414 Wood Street; Sgt. Francis P. Bender, Bishopthorpe Street; Pvt. Kenneth Morgan, 617 Maple Street; Tech. Raymond W. Hinkle, 431 Montclair Avenue; Pvt. D. C. Wisler, 776 Washington Avenue; Tech. John J. Karpiak, Quakertown R. D. 3, formerly of 220½ Carbon Street; Pvt. Bernard C. Koch, 623 Diehl Avenue; Corp. Wilbur C. Klingaman, 2103 Glendale Avenue.

SHIPMASTER SEES 10 LOCAL MEN IN AFRICA

Capt. Venetianer Follows Clue of Lad Who Spoke of Bach Choir—Finds 9 Others.

A long time ago someone penned the words, "This is a small world!" He wasn't kidding a bit!

'Twas a hot, sultry day several months ago when Captain Edward Venetianer, 531 Eleventh Avenue, this city, a shipmaster for the U. S. Maritime Commission, was in Matadi, in Africa, and had occasion to go to Leopoldville, in the Belgian Congo, to procure quinine for his crew, just landed on the west coast of the African continent.

While in Leopoldville, thousands of miles from his home in Bethlehem, it became his good fortune to find a detachment of American soldiers among who he found a half score of his fellow townsmen. He learned of them through an Army chaplain who had dined with him aboard his ship some time previously.

Capt. Venetianer, having mentioned that he was from Bethlehem the chaplain recalled having spoken with a soldier who had told him of this city's famed Bach Choir. He proved to have been Corp. Wilbur C. Klingaman, 2103 Glendale Avenue. This clue resulted in Captain Venetianer looking up Corp. Klingaman when he reached Leopoldville. To his surprise and delight he found not only Corp. Klingaman but nine others from this city. They had been there for some time prior to his arrival.

"The boys are in fine condition and healthy," Captain Venetianer, who is spending the week-end with his family, told the Globe-Times Friday evening. "They are working hard and playing hard every day," he said, adding that the detachment, doing construction work, consists mostly of engineers.

The Bethlehemites whom he contacted are Tech. Louis F. Domotoc, H. and S. Co., 1812 Jennings Street; Pvt. Preston W. Laible, Co. A., R. D. No. 3 Bethlehem; Pvt. Stewart R. Hall, Co. B., 1414 Wood Street; Sgt. Francis P. Bender, Co. B., Bishopthorpe Street; Pvt. Kenneth Morgan, 617 Maple Street; Tech. Raymond W. Hinkle, 431 Montclair Avenue; Pvt. D. C. Wisler, 776 Washington Avenue; Tech. John J. Karpiak, Quakertown R. D. 3, who formerly lived at 220½ Carbon Street, this city; Pvt. Bernard C. Koch, 623 Diehl Avenue, and Corp. Wilbur C. Klingaman, 2103 Glendale Avenue.

Captain Venetianer, who has seen sea service since 1905, plans to return to active service after the Christmas holidays.

Although possessing a world of experiences, the captain is reluctant to discuss his adventures. Instead, he points to "the great job those boys are doing over there."

It was learned that his ship during its course did not encounter a single submarine although it rescued five men who were part of the crew of a torpedoed ship. After taking to the life boat, the men had been machine-gunned by the Germans, the captain said.

Another high point in his recent trip was the opportunity to meet Gen. DeGaulle who was inspecting native troops in French Equatorial Africa.

On his return trip from beyond the seas Captain Venetianer and his crew brought back a partial cargo of rubber from the Firestone plantations at Marshal, Liberia.

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