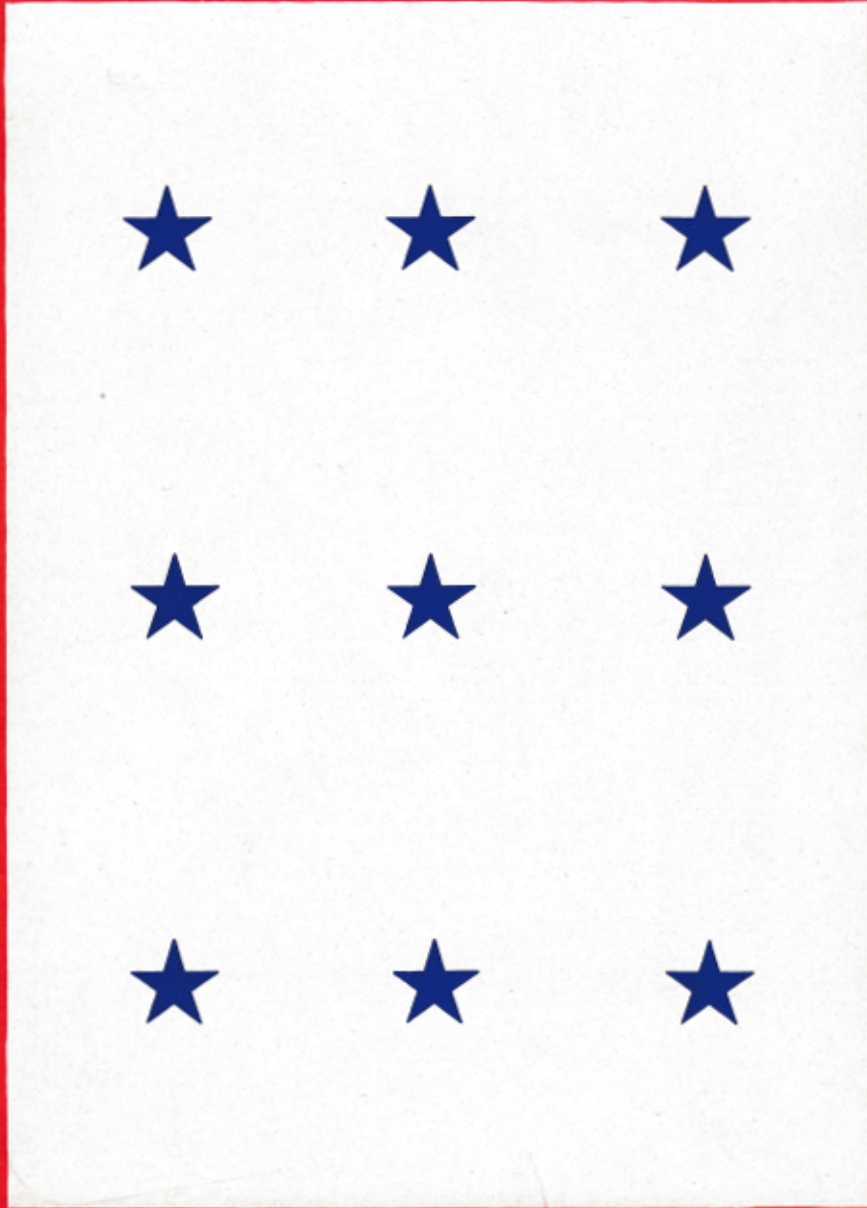


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STARS

IN THE SERVICE

JULY, 1944



★ Eastertide, that joyous Spring festival of the Christian church when the world seems fresh and new and more beautiful than at any other time in its garb of green verdure and brilliant flowers, was celebrated in Emmanuel Evangelical-Congregational Church with tableaux depicting the sacred hours of that first Easter dawn. From the scenes of this presentation, the above photograph was chosen as the most expressive of the great occasion of Christ's arising from the dead. The roles of the angels, seen outside the Tomb after the stone had been rolled away, were taken by **Janice Hudak**, nearest the door, and **Dorothy Gunkle**. Janice is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Hudak; Dorothy the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Gunkle.

OUR CHURCH FAMILIES . .

★ The following boys have attended services in Edgeboro Moravian Church in the last two months: *Pvt. George Adams*, stationed in New Jersey; *Harold Bachman, S 1/c*, New London, Conn.; *Sgt. Stanford Brader*, home on furlough after seeing action in Italy and Africa with the Marines; *Platoon Sgt. Richard P. Brader*, home on furlough after seeing action in the Southern Pacific with the Marines; *Robert C. Buss, SK 3/c*, Camp Peary; *Corp. R. E. Christ*, stationed in Virginia; *Richard Fogel, Mo. Mm 3/c*, Norfolk, Va.; *James Neumeyer, ARM 3/c*, stationed with the Coast Guard in California; *Carl Ritter, F 1/c*, stationed in Virginia.

★ Families and friends of seven of Ebenezer Mennonite church men in service welcomed them to services during their recent furloughs. The septet included *Lt. Harold Oplinger*, *Pvt. Gordon Habrial*, *Pfc. Robert Williams*, *Pfc. Arthur F. Mann*, *Pvt. Leon Hinnerschietz*, *Pvt. Henry Gemberling* and *Delbert Seifert*. AS.

★ *Cpl. Paul Ruth* and *Cpl. Allen Kemmerer* were home on furloughs recently and attended services at St. Paul's Evangelical and Reformed church.

★ *Lt. and Mrs. Herbert F. Krohn* and young son, *Frank Ronald*, were in town recently to visit Mrs. Krohn's parents, Dr. and Mrs. Corson C. Snyder, 535 Montclair Ave. The Krohns are living in Alexandria, Va. Dr. Snyder, pastor of St. Peter's Lutheran church, and his congregation are among Star's most earnest "rooters."

★ One hundred twenty names are on the service roster of the First Presbyterian church, North Side, at the time this is written. Latest to be added were those of *Carl Siftar* and *Frank Kernan*, both in the Navy, and *Fanniebelle Anders*, Marine Corps Women's Reserve. *James Meissner* is another of the Navy's more recent acquisitions and *Paul Walter* has recently joined the Army Air Forces. Paul writes from Alabama that he is well and working hard.

★ Three more boys from St. Paul's Lutheran have been called into service with the colors: *Pvt. Burton Rudolph*, with the AAF at Keesler Field, Miss.; *Pvt. Maynard Diefenderfer*, with the Infantry at Camp Blanding, Fla., and *John E. Hahn*, AS, at Bainbridge, Md., Naval training station.

"It is not death to die—
To leave this weary road,
And, 'midst the brotherhood on high,
To be at home with God."

★ Word of the death of *Pfc. Elmer Dorn*, son of William H. Dorn, 410 Third Ave., during action on Anzio beach, Italy, was received in Bethlehem June 9th. The War Department message contained no details of the manner of his death but said he was buried with full military honors.

Death of Private Dorn brings the first Gold star to the service flag of West Side Moravian church. Memorial services were conducted June 25 by Rev. John Groenfeldt, pastor, at 7:45 o'clock. The young soldier entered the armed forces in March of 1942. He went overseas in August of 1943 and landed in North Africa, transferring later to Italy. He was a high honor graduate of Moravian College and had taught in the public schools and worked for the Bethlehem Steel.

★ Through the International Red Cross word was received from the War Department that *Lt. Anthony R. Carcione*, U. S. Army Airforces, son of Mr. and Mrs. Basil Carcione, 1917 Huntington Ave., was killed in action over Germany March 8th. He was shot down near Dummer Lake protecting a bombing mission to Berlin. None of his flight returned, so too definite information has not been available. Letters from his commanding officer, regretting the lack of information, gave Tony tremendous praise for the wonderful work that he had been accomplishing. Although he had not been technically credited with his fifth plane, he was accredited an "Ace."

Lt. Carcione was a graduate of Liberty High School and Lehigh University and had trained in Texas. He was the first member of Trinity Episcopal Church to lose his life. A Memorial service was conducted in that church on Sunday afternoon, May 14th, the Rev. Merrill M. Moore, rector, in charge.

★ College Hill Moravian church mourns the death of *Lieut. William Shimer Thompson*, killed in action on the Cassino front. News of his death was received May 20 in a War Department telegram to his father, William J. Thompson, 1116 Main Street. The lieutenant was a graduate of Liberty Hi and Moravian College, where he received his B. S. in 1937.

"O Praise The Lord, All Ye Nations ❖ Praise Him All Ye People"

Hymn

God the All-merciful! earth hath forsaken
Thy ways of blessedness, slighted Thy Word;
Bid not Thy wrath in its terrors awaken:
Give to us peace in our time, O Lord!

God the All-righteous One! man hath defied Thee;
Yet to eternity standeth Thy Word;
Falsehood and wrong shall not tarry beside Thee:
Give to us peace in our time, O Lord!

God the All-wise! by the fire of Thy chastening
Earth shall to freedom and truth be restored;
Through the thick darkness Thy kingdom is hastening:
Thou wilt give peace in Thy time, O Lord!

So shall Thy children with thankful devotion
Praise Him Who saved them from peril and sword,
Singing in chorus from ocean to ocean,
"Peace to the nations, and praise to the Lord."

The Scripture Reading

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Psalm 46

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea;

Though the waters thereof roar and be troubled, though the mountains shake with the swelling thereof. Selah.

There is a river, the streams whereof shall make glad the city of God, the holy place of the tabernacles of the most High.

God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved: God shall help her, and that right early.

The heathen raged, the kingdoms were moved; he uttered his voice, the earth melted.

The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. Selah.

Come, behold the works of the Lord, what desolations he hath made in the earth.

He maketh wars to cease unto the end of the earth; he breaketh the bow, and cutteth the spear in sunder; he burneth the chariot in the fire.

Be still, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth.

The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. Selah.

LET US PRAY

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For the Sick, Wounded and Captives

ALMIGHTY and Everlasting God, the Consolation of the sorrowful, and the Strength of the weak: May the prayers of them that in any tribulation or distress cry unto Thee, graciously come before Thee; especially the prayers of those who are sick or wounded, in peril of death, or held captive in the power of the enemy; so that in all their necessities they may mark and receive Thy manifold help and comfort; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord. Amen.

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For the Family of Nations

ALMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, guide, we beseech thee, the Nations of the world into the way of justice and truth, and establish among them that peace which is the fruit of righteousness, that they may become the Kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

For Chaplains

LET THINE especial blessing, O Gracious Father, rest upon the Chaplains in the Army and Navy, 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 as 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 Ministry of Mercy

O 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.

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For Parents and Friends of Those in Service

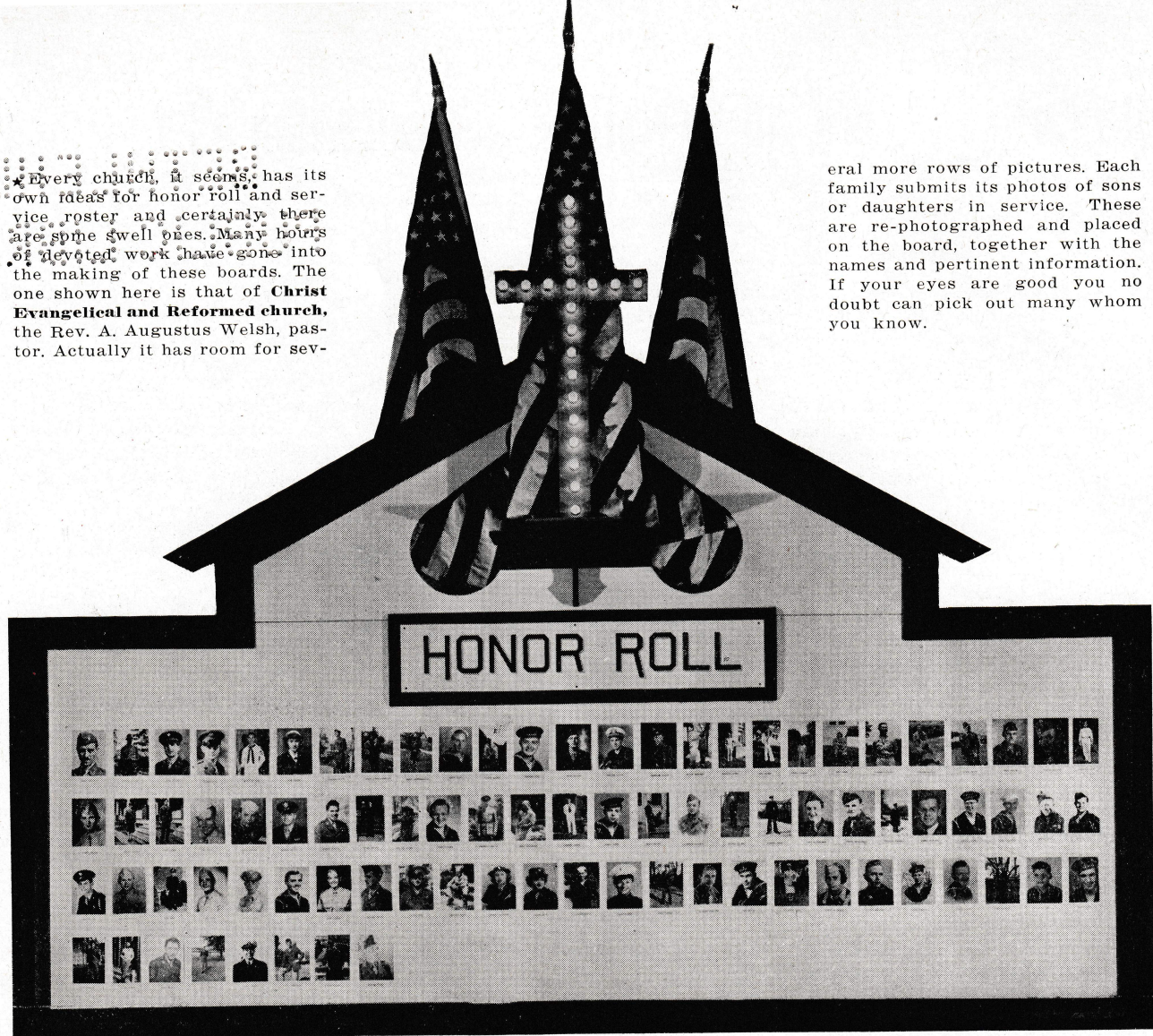
OUR FATHER, Who are in Heaven, the Comfort and Help of Thy people in all times: Be Thou near to all who are lonely and sad because of the absence of loved ones in the service of our Country; be Thou their strength and stay in the time of sore trial, and help them to cast all their burdens upon Thee; comfort all who have been bereaved, giving to them the spirit of submission and an abiding faith in Thee and in Thy word, and fill their hearts with Thy peace; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord. Amen.

On this page are five brief prayers, four taken from the Common Service book of the United Lutheran Church, and one, that for the Family of Nations, from the Book of Common Prayer of the Protestant Episcopal Church. Each, at this time, seems particularly appropriate in the light of the great battles now raging; battles in which many sons of this community are engaged, in which many may be injured, in which, too, many may lose their lives.

May we urge you, in the name of Him whom we all acknowledge as Lord and Saviour, to commit them to your hearts and to pray them with all sincerity and faith. Surely, none more need your prayers today than those for whom these are asked. Surely no more beautiful expressions of Christian dependence upon the Mercy of God can be found than these.

Every church, it seems, has its own ideas for honor roll and service roster and certainly there are some swell ones. Many hours of devoted work have gone into the making of these boards. The one shown here is that of **Christ Evangelical and Reformed church**, the Rev. A. Augustus Welsh, pastor. Actually it has room for sev-

eral more rows of pictures. Each family submits its photos of sons or daughters in service. These are re-photographed and placed on the board, together with the names and pertinent information. If your eyes are good you no doubt can pick out many whom you know.



LETTERS FROM OUR SERVICEMEN AND WOMEN

★ *Pvt. John Ulrich*, in a letter from Communication school at Ft. Benning, Ga., where he took basic and a 12-week course in radio, writes: "My first day in code-room I spotted a familiar face among the cadre. It was *"Watts" Clark*, former basketball player at Bethlehem High and guitar player for Bud Rader's band. He is now assistant instructor at the school.

"I have encountered two college classmates also teaching at the school. Bob Fissel is quartered in the next barracks to mine and is attending Enlisted Motor Maintenance school. We are quartered in Main Post—right in the middle of the old Army's stamping ground. The barracks are red brick . . . Nothing like the wooden barracks, tents or log cabins on the training grounds. The parachute school is nearby as well as Lawson Field, an Airforce training center.

"I suppose there are Bethlehem boys in or near the Fort; I believe another came in with a new group last week but I can't recall his name off-hand."

★ As nice a letter as we have received in a coon's age comes under date of June 8th from *Pvt. Jeanne Kelly, WAC*, stationed at the Adjutant General's School, Ft. Washington, Md. *Pvt. Kelly* has a husband in the service, Air Cadet Harry Kelly, San Antonio, Texas. She is, also, sister of Dorothy Kunkle, also in the service.

After a complimentary introduction concerning Stars, Jeanne writes: "I work in the signal center here on the post and find Army life quite agreeable in spite of the irregular hours we work here in the telegraph office. In my spare time I work at the post theatre as cashier and sometimes as assistant manager. The extra cash is well used on small items such as cigarettes, laundry, toilet articles. Perhaps I should be a bit stronger in my opinion of Army life. They tell us every letter we write is potential recruiter. In that case, I recommend the service strongly. I feel I should have missed out on a big thing if I hadn't enlisted. And I certainly

wish I could impress that enough on the feminine sex. It's a good life—good food, good discipline, training, etc."

★ Postmarked June 11 came a letter from *S/Sgt. Fred Reichard*, New York APO, who wrote June 9th: "Yesterday I received the Spring issue of Stars. . . . One article in particular interested me. It was about *Sgt. John Paul* of 4th and New Sts. I know of a *Sgt. Paul* who is engaged in the same kind of work mentioned in the article. Though I have never seen him, I have talked to him over the 'phone. Whether or not he is the same *Sgt. Paul* I don't know, but I'm going to ask him. As they say in the army, I'm still 'sweating out' meeting someone from Bethlehem. . . . Not much else to write about but I would appreciate very much if you would write HELLO for me to all my buddies wherever they may be. Wish them lots of luck, health and good hunting for me." We take pleasure in passing on Fred's message to all Star's readers, at home and abroad.

HERO OF THE MAILS



★ This is **Lieut. Donald F. Fry**, about whose determined efforts to see that the men of his division, bogged down and dismal amid New Guinea's tropic rains, got their mail the "Cockatoo" tells.

★ From New Guinea our faithful correspondent, *Tommy Wehr*, has forwarded an interesting copy of the 6th Infantry Battalion's daily mimeographed newspaper, the "Cockatoo." In itself an interesting revelation of how Uncle Sam's nephew's carry on the daily familiar things of home life in such outlandish places as New Guinea, the paper is doubly welcome because it devotes a feature column to an exploit performed by a Bethlehem man, *Lieut. Donald F. Fry*. Before we go into that, however, a little description of the Cockatoo:—

Our portion of the paper is of the Wednesday, May 3 number, the "four score edition." It boasts "World Wide Coverage of the 6th Signal Radio News Service." Also "Never Dull, Never a Lull," and "Our Subscribers Are the Best in the World." Lieut. Fry, postal officer of the division, described by Cockatoo as "a bouncy, beefy, hardened lieutenant, former teacher of Bethlehem, Pa.," came to the rescue of his comrades in a singular way.

To quote: "The morale of the men of the 6th was low. No mail for days, no communication with the outside world . . . and there seemed no reprieve from the continuous deluge. Roads were impassable, bridges out and terrific gales whipped the sea. It was, indeed, a dark moment in the lives of all of us

"But there is always a man who rises to the occasion, who will volunteer to carry the message to Garcia, come hell or high water (and high water it was!).

"Muttering the postman's creed to himself, our postal officer Fry, strictly a landlubber, volunteered to make

the treacherous voyage to the base postoffice in the army launch through the churning sea. His face was grim, his purpose resolute as he heaved his solid frame into the launch, which floundered about in the high waves.

"Thus started a voyage which shades any of Conrad's tall stories of storms at sea . . . When he virtually crawled off the launch at his destination, his face was drawn and haggard. To add to his despair, only sacks of fourth class mail were in the division pouch. The discouraged lieutenant wearily boarded the launch and suffered the tortures of the damned on the return voyage.

"After a night of nightmares the lieutenant made a remarkable recovery and refreshed, and more determined than ever, set forth for base with a cargo of out-going mail. He weathered an equally hazardous trip like an old salt . . . Again he met with disappointment—

"Dejected but true to his trust, he trudged his way to the Red Cross building to telephone the sad news to division headquarters. As he plodded along, as only he can plod along, he attempted to walk a plank over a gully, which before the rain had been breached by a small foot bridge. And walk the plank he did! The plank creaked under his weight and the lieutenant, sensing danger, attempted to scurry to the good earth.

"Instead, he toppled into six feet of water and submerged. For a few seconds his poncho and bubbles were the only things visible. He fought his way to the surface but the poncho stifled him. Four soldiers dragged him to safety.

"Today our postal officer is his same beaming, bouncing self, and although he lost all the personal accessories that a lieutenant usually carries about, Lieutenant Fry has gained even more respect among the officers and men of the 6th Division of Infantry."

Orchids, we say, to the lieutenant, and to Cuckatoo—and to the chap who wrote so vividly and well of his misadventures.

★ "Hello, Folks in Bethlehem: I'm nearly 10,000 miles from home but am thinking of you at all times. I would like my friends to write to me as I have had no mail from home for nearly five months.

"Come on folks, let's hear from you! Get my address from Owen Kurtz, 345 Franklin St."

Kenneth D. Remaley
In the So. Pacific

There's a letter that speaks for itself!—Ed.

★ *Corp. Richard Bender* writes from New Guinea to say they have plenty of rain and mud there, and that their only recreation evenings is to brew coffee, write letters and think of home. He also states that his outfit has the best chaplain in the service and that the men would do anything for him. Many boys think this about the chaplain of their own outfits all over the world.

★ *Arthur H. Jones, S 2/c*, writes from somewhere overseas that he finds pictures of many of his friends in Stars. "Also some of the boys I went through training with at Sampson," he says. I hope that some day soon I will be able to spend many happy hours with them again. I can not say where I am but I am overseas. *Bernard Gottwald* from the South Sea is with me on this ship."

★ *Cpl. George Dewey Roberts* dropped a line to Stars the end of May from Ft. Dix, N. J., to tell us he has been "14 months in the finance section of the Air Corps and I graduated from the advance NCO Finance School at Wake Forrest, N. C., as a part of my training. P. S.—I graduated from Liberty High with the class of 1939 and am wondering where the rest of the gang is now."

SINEWS OF WAR



★ These are days when the world's attention centers about the Air Forces of Army, Navy and Marines; the tremendous work of the services of supply; the heroic self-sacrifice of the Medical Corps; the magnificence of the infantry, but we shouldn't lose sight of the Merchant Marine boys, without whom none of these other arms of Uncle Sam's military might could function. This picture is of **John Allen Coxon**, member of Wesley Methodist church, a merchant mariner who has, as member of the engine room crew of a supply ship, made trips to Britain, South America and is even now at sea, destination unknown. Although not a Bethlehem lad, he's from McMechen, W. Va.; he is typical of the hardy men who "go down to the sea in ships" and is well-known to a host of friends here, being a nephew of Mrs. A. V. Reynolds, 1130 Sioux St., Fountain Hill, whom he has visited many times.

BROTHERS IN ARMS

"All For One and One For All"

★ Strictly speaking, *James Correll*, EM 2/c, U.S.N., and Corp. *William Galen Smith*, AAF, aren't brothers . . . they are brothers-in-law, Smith having married Correll's sister, June Etta. But the relationship seems close enough to put them under this heading. Jim is the son of Sylvester Correll and Mrs. Jane M. Correll and enlisted two years ago July 30 at the age of 17. He had finished his junior year at Allentown Hi. He was sent to Newport, R. I., and assigned to the electrical training school there, from which he graduated with a third class petty officer rating. He received his 2nd class rating in November, 1943.

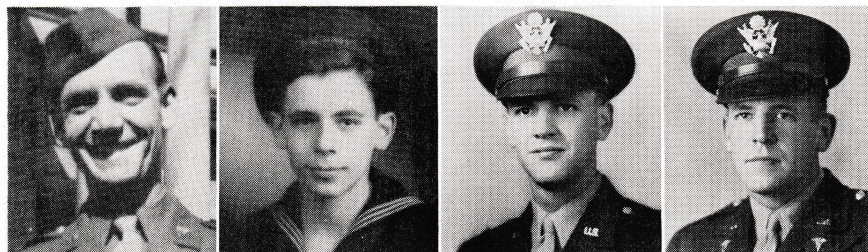
Smith, father of a daughter, Myrna Louise, aged four, enlisted two years ago in May and took basic at Biloxi, Miss. He went out to Africa as a ground crew man and was over there nine months. Last September, at Tunis, he was taken ill and sent back to the U. S. for recuperation. On May 22 he was dispatched to the redistribution center at Atlantic City. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Smith of Allentown. Both boys are members of Nativity Episcopal church.

★ *Pfc. Dale Kemmerer*, *Pvt. Donald Kemmerer* and *Pvt. Charles R. Kemmerer*, three sons of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Kemmerer of North Main Street, all in the Army, and all members of College Hill Moravian Church, form a good-looking trio. Dale, in the medical corps in New Guinea, went overseas in May and celebrated his 21st birthday in New Guinea. Donald attended Technical Training School at Keesler Field, and is now in the air corps. Charles is also overseas in New Guinea with an anti-aircraft unit.

★ Two brothers who chose the same service, the U. S. Navy, are *Earl Daniel Heckman*, S 2/c, and *Robert Clifford Heckman*, S 2/c, right and left, respectively, in the accompanying picture. Earl has been overseas over a year. He joined up April 21, 1943. His brother, Robert, is sta-

tioned at Norfolk, Va., and has been in service since October 19, 1943.

★ *Pvts. James and Lloyd Fatzinger*, brothers in the service, are at widely divergent points of the compass. Lloyd is at Lake Moses, Wash., where he is attached to the Air Forces in an administrative capacity; Jim is in the Infantry at Ft. McClellan, Ala., where he is taking a course in intelligence observation. Lloyd first went into the Army July 9, 1942, at Camp



William G. Smith

James Correll

W. W. Crawford

J. S. Crawford

Meade, Md. There he qualified for OCS and on December 3 was graduated as a second lieutenant at Camp Davis, N. C. He was attached to the anti-aircraft at Camp Stewart, Ga. On September 14, 1943, he received an honorable discharge due to overstaffing of officers in the A.A. December 30 he was reintroduced as a private and attached to the AAF and transferred to Hanners Field, Fresno Calif., in March of this year, from which place he was sent to Lake Moses. A member of Grace Reformed church at the time of his first induction, he transferred to Salem Lutheran, to which his wife, Alica, nee Bush, belongs, in the interim between inductions. He is a Fountain Hill Hi graduate and was a senior at Moravian college when inducted.

Jim was taken into service August, 14, 1943, and entered the ASTP at Penn State December 13. He became 18 years of age January 27 and was called up for Army service at the end of his first college semester, March 20. He, too, is a FHS graduate. He is also a member of Grace church, of the Sunday school, the Young Peo-

ple's organization and sang in the church choir and in the famed Bethlehem Bach Choir.

★ One of three brothers in service is *Pvt. Edward Hoffman*, now at Camp Blanding, Fla. The other boys, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hoffman, 218 East Ettwein Street, are *Pvt. Earl C.*, with the Infantry at Blanding, and *T/Sgt. William E.* serving in the Tank Corps at Ft. Knox, Ky. Ed is married and his wife and daughter live at 709 Fourth Ave. He's a former Liberty Hi grid player.

★ Three sons of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Buss, 1746 Madison Ave, are serving their country in the Sea-

Bees. They are:

Kenneth L. Buss, EM 2/c, who was inducted August 28, 1943. He received his basic training at Camp Peary, Va., and after a 10-day furlough was sent to the Aleutians where he has been ever since. Word was recently received of his promotion to Petty Officer second class. He is married to the former *Miss Helen Weeks* and they have one daughter, Barbara. He lives at 321 Georgia Ave.

Robert C. Buss, SK 3/c, attached to a special battalion of the Sea-Bees is now stationed at Port Huene, Calif. He was inducted on November 5, 1943, and was sent to Camp Peary for basic training. He recently spent a 10-day furlough with his parents and wife, the former *Miss Adele Ungerer*.

Raymond A. Buss Jr., EM 3/c was inducted June 30, 1943, and received his basic training at Camp Peary, Va. In August he came home for a 10-day furlough and on August 12 married *Miss Doris Costantini* of Allentown. After returning to Camp Peary he was sent to the Aleutians.

All are members of Edgeboro Moravian Church.



Don Kemmerer

Dale Kemmerer

Charles Kemmerer

Kenneth Buss

Ray Buss, Jr.

Robert Buss



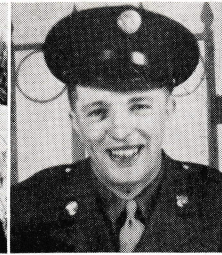
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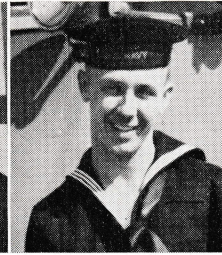
Dick Grebs



Walter Rogers



Roy Rogers



Robert Compton



Lester Compton, Jr.

★ *Howard and Richard Grebs*, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Grebs, Sr., are in widely different branches of the service, Howard being an aviation cadet at Maxwell Field, Ala., and Dick a gunners mate 3/c in the Navy. Both are Liberty High grads and Howard attended Penn State college.

★ Brothers serving Uncle Sam in the Army and the Seabees are *Cpl. Roy Rogers* and *Walter Rogers, S 2/c*, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rogers, 661 Main Street, Hellertown. Roy is at Ft. Sill with a service battery. He entered the service March 4, 1943, and trained first at Camp Robinson, Ark., and afterwards at various camps throughout the U. S. He celebrated his 23rd birthday by spending a 15-day furlough with his folks. Walter is at Davidsville, R. I., with the Seabees, having completed boot training at Camp Peary, Va. He recently enjoyed a leave with his wife, the former Kathryn Daumer, and son, Walter, Jr. Wife and son live in Cementon. Walter "joined up" on November 19, 1943. Both men are members of Christ Lutheran Church.

★ From the cafe business to Army mess is a far cry, but the two sons of *Mr. and Mrs. John Szmodis*, proprietors of Cafe Szmodis, 1338 East Fourth Street, are eating from kits these days instead of home-cooked grub. *John, Jr., sergeant* in the Army, has been in Australia for the past 23 months. He entered the service February 1, 1943, took basic training at Camp Wheeler and was sent to San Francisco and overseas. Well—when Christmas comes he hopes to be at home. John writes he's satisfied with the food and that the Red Cross gives grand entertainment. Where he is the rainfall is often very heavy; at one time the river rose 50 feet, washing away much of the camp.

Louis is a Leatherneck private first

class at the Air Technical training center, Jacksonville, Fla., slated to graduate in July. He joined the Corps November 8, 1943, went to Parris Island, was made a Pfc., was sent to Cherry Point Marine Air Station, and from there to Jacksonville. He's married to the former Mary Pecsek and they have a 16-months-old-plus son, Roger.

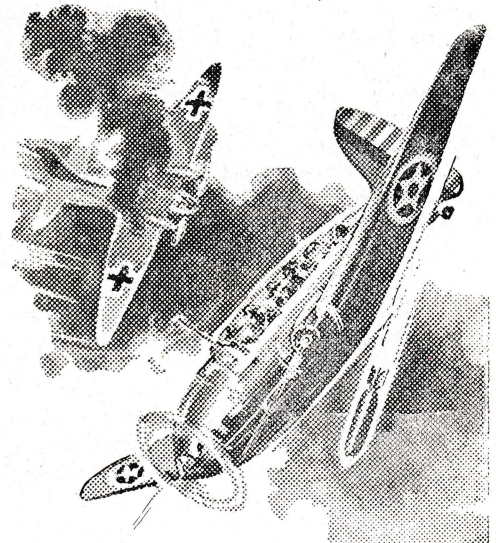
★ Let's hope by now *Sgt. Joe Kranycz* is out of that hospital in Sardinia where he was confined the last we heard. Joe's brother, *Frank* is an aviation machinist mate 3/c aboard a warship in the Pacific. The sergeant went out from Bethlehem with the First Defenders September 16, 1940, and finally landed overseas. He served in Africa, Italy, Corsica and is—or was—recuperating from injuries. In his letters he points out that the American doughboy abroad is a big-hearted guy, unable to resist giving aid to the poverty-stricken people of the many lands he has fought over. Joe misses his friends, finding it rather lonely going.

Frank left for the Navy September 14, 1942, and trained at Philadelphia as an airplane mechanic. Upon completion of his course he was shipped on an airplane carrier and saw South America and Bermuda. Of the people of the latter place he remarks that they treated the American boys very kindly. He later went out to the Pacific. The week previous to Easter he received a leave and came home, returning afterwards to San Francisco.

★ *Michael J. Macey, S 2/c*, member of the Navy Air forces, is at Cabanias Field, Corpus Christi, Texas, as a member of the seamen guard. His brother, *Pvt. Steven A. Macey*, is in the U. S. Marines at Cherry Point, N. C.

★ Mr. and Mrs. Lester J. Compton, Sr., 139 East Goepp Street, are the parents of two sons serving their country, *Robert L., S 2/s*, and *Lester J., Jr.*, also seaman second class, U.S. N. Bob is in the South Pacific. He is a former employe of the Bethlehem Steel Co. and lived at 73 West Garrison Street with his wife, Lucy. He entered the service February 10 and boot trained at Great Lakes, Ill., for seven weeks. On March 29 he came home for a nine-day furlough.

Lester, at last report, was in England confined to a hospital with scarlet fever. (Here's hoping you're OK now, Les!). He was inducted just four days after his brother, February 14, but went to Sampson instead of Great Lakes for his boot training. On March 7 he was home for a furlough and to celebrate his 18th birthday. On April 9 he sailed for England. Both Lester and Bob are Zion church members and their friends in the congregation and Sunday school are thinking of them and of the many other boys gone out from amongst them to serve God and country.



Louis Szmodis



John Szmodis



Michael Macey



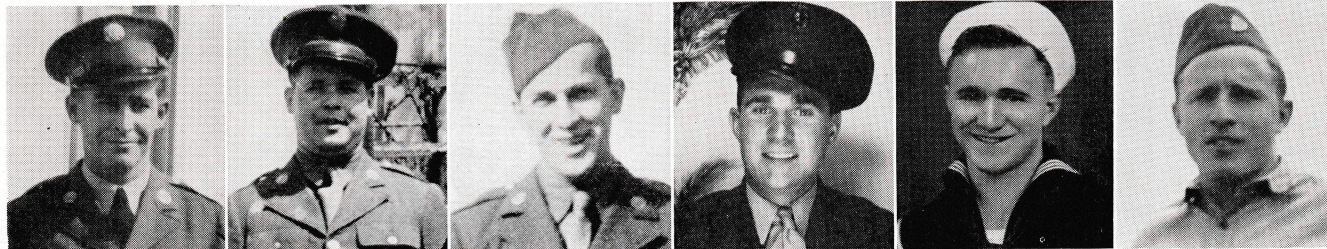
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Frank Kranycz



Jas. Lichtenwalner Geo. Lichtenwalner Russ Lichtenwalner Edwin Ruhe George Ruhe Harry Ruhe

★ Mr. and Mrs. George Lichtenwalner, 1377 Whitaker Street, have three sons in service, two of them, *Pfc. George* and *S/Sgt. James*, being, at this writing, in England. The other, *Pfc. Russell*, is at Camp Polk, La. George and James met in England February 12 for the first time after they went overseas.

★ Looking out from the pages of this issue of Stars are pictures of the four sons of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Persa of 735 Morton Street, who are serving their country. All are members of St. John's Windish Lutheran church. Before their entrance into the armed forces they were a popular quartet, active in minstrel shows and plays and in other goings about town.

John, 25, is a corporal in the Army attached to an anti-air craft unit in Hawaii. He was inducted June 28, 1941, and so far has not been able to get home. He got his basic training at Camp Wallace, Texas. On October 2, 1943, he married *Pune Lee* in the Korean Methodist church, Honolulu and they are now the happy parents of a daughter, *Stephanie Penny*. When the war is over, John, wife and daughter will pay the folks at home in Bethlehem a visit.

Frank, 20, is a seaman second class in the Navy and is on duty in the South Pacific. He joined after graduation from Tech Hi in February of 1943 and was sent to Sampson May 4. He writes he enjoys his work aboard a "tin can" and is well and happy.

William, 27, husband of the former *Jennie Zcilwacz*, is an air cadet at Santa Ana, Calif. He received his basic training following induction January 8 at Miami Beach, was sent to Courtland, Ala., and then to California. While at Courtland his wife came to see him over Easter. During his stay there he worked on the camp

newspaper, drawing pictures and cartoons. Recently Mrs. Persa received three beautiful pictures from him, accompanied by original poems, one of which was sent to Stars. We regret that there is not space to print it in toto. Suffice it to say it's a very nice tribute to a wife who must indeed be "tops."

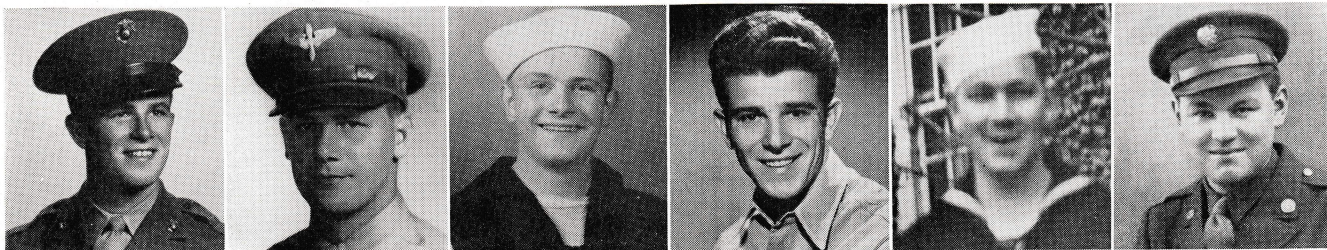
Last, but not least, comes *Bela*, 18, a rough tough private in the Marines. *Bela* came home after finishing his boot training at Parris Island S. C., to show off his snappy uniforms. He's presently at Cherry Point and expected, as this was written, to go to aviation machinist school shortly. *Bela* enlisted in the Marines during his senior year at Tech, leaving an active career in minstrelry, glee club, wrestling and football. He gets a kick out of the Leathernecks.

★ *Edwin M. Ruhe* and brother *George*, sons of Jacob Ruhe, 1516 Spring Street, are both in the Pacific battle area, *Edwin* as a member of the Marine Corps, *George* as seaman first class in the Navy. *Harry*, the third brother, is with the Army Engineers in Italy. *Edwin* went into the Marine Corps in July of 1942, got his boot training at Parris Island, S. C., and was sent from there to Miami, Fla., for guard duty. After 18 months he was transferred at Camp Lejune and in March of this year was sent to the South Pacific. *George* was inducted into the Navy in September, 1942, got his boot training at Newport, R. I., and was assigned to a battleship. *Harry* has been in the service the longest, having enlisted in April of 1941. He was trained first at Ft. Belvoir, Va., then attended Engineer school at Richmond, Va., and from there to Ft. Dix, from which camp he was shipped to Europe in October, 1942.

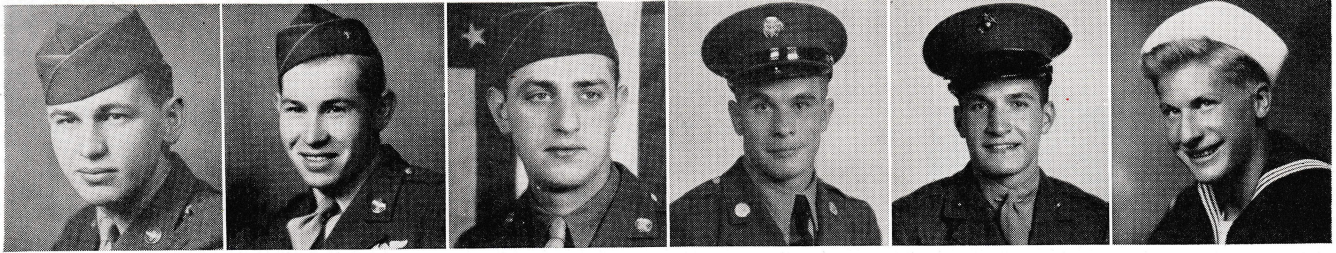
★ Two sons of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Minnich, Sr., 1413 North Center Street, are in the service of their country. *Albert W.* is a private in the Army at Camp Blanding, Fla., while *Pfc. Oliver P.* is with the Air Forces at Thomasville, Ga., as a surgical technician. *Al* went into the service March 25 of this year but *Oliver* has been in since January 2, 1943, and thus is the veteran of the two. *Al* is married to the former *Mildred Walters*; *Oliver* to the former *Betty Grube*. Both boys are members of Zion Evangelical and Reformed church and are former employes of the Bethlehem Steel Co.

★ Mother's Day greetings to Mrs. L. A. Moser of 117 East Elizabeth Ave., from her two sons brought much joy to her on that day of days in every mother's life. *Pfc. Wilbur Moser* who is serving with an Aviation Engineer battalion somewhere in England (or may be in France now) cabled roses from England, where he has been since December of '43. *Pvt. Norman Moser*, who has been in California for some time past and in the Army since December, 1942, cabled greetings.

★ *Gerald H. Werkheiser*, member of the Army Quartermaster Corps, and *William H. Werkheiser*, *F 1/c*, U. S. Navy, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Werkheiser, 1503 Budd Ave., are both on active service, *Gerald* overseas and last word to Stars placed him in England; *William* at Perdue University studying electrical engineering. *Gerald* trained first at Camp Lee, Va., and then was sent to Camp Reynolds, from where he was transferred to England in November 1943. *William* entered service January 14 and took his boot training at Sampson Naval Training Station, being sent to Perdue from there.



Bela Persa William Persa Frank Persa John Persa Wm. Werkheiser Ger. Werkheiser



Gilbert Miller Herbert Miller William Bognar Geo. Hinnerschietz Leon Hinnerschietz Jay Hinnerschietz

★ Although there are three sons of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Miller, 24 West Walnut Street, serving, only pictures of *Gilbert* and *Herbert* are available. Gilbert, graduate of Technical Hi, received his basic training at Greensboro, N. C., and is doing office work there. He is a private. Herbert, Liberty Hi alumnus, a technical sergeant, entered the service September 16, 1940, and has been three years overseas. He came home on furlough and was married to Catherine Ulrich, 79 West Goepf, December 18, 1943. He is now stationed at Englin Field, Fla.

★ *Lloyd E.* and *Harry W. Webb* are serving in Uncle Sam's Army, Lloyd having recently completed a course in 50 calibre machine gun technique and acquiring his sergeant's chevrons. He has been stationed at Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo., but with so many movements at the present time, Stars is not sure of his present whereabouts. He has been in service over a year and a half. Harry, a corporal, is serving overseas, where he has been the past 18 or 20 months. He was recently transferred to a replacement battalion in Italy and no doubt has been in the thick of things. Harry entered the service in September of 1940 and is a veteran of the hectic early days as well as of active overseas action.

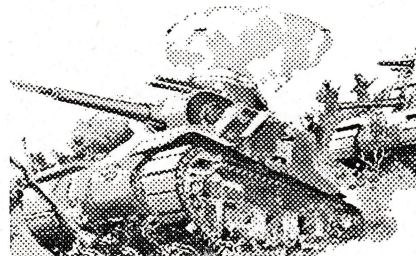
★ *Wilbur Matz* and his brother, *Norman*, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Matz, Chelsea Avenue, are both in uniform, Wilbur wearing the insignia of the Army Air Forces at the Sioux Falls Army Air field, Sioux Falls, S. D., where he is a radio technician, and Norman donning the Coast Guard blues at Port Richmond, Philadelphia. Norman is serving on a C. G. cutter.

★ In case you are wondering why only the picture of *Pvt. William Bognar* appears in this column, you

will find that of his brother, *S/Sgt. Geza C. Bognar* and the boys' mother, *Mrs. George Bognar*, 1401 East Fifth Street, together on page ten. We couldn't resist the opportunity to print it, for it's the first Mother-and-Son we have had so far.

Bill is in the overseas battle area, a veteran of a year and a half in service. Geza has been in three years. Both are former Steel company workers.

★ *S/Sgt. Charles W. Johnson* and his brother *Sgt. Albert S. Johnson*, one of College Hill's favorite pairs in the service, are both in the Army Air Force. Charles has almost taken roots in Victoria, Kansas—having been there a year. He is now connected with the Office of Supply and Maintenance. He is very happy—and he has a good reason, his wife, Sally Ann (nee Geissinger) planned to spend the summer with him. We were glad to see Charles here in Bethlehem at Eastertime, and we expect to have a visit from Albert. Albert has just been discharged from a hospital after a 5-weeks' stay there (in all that time the brothers had only one day together). He was undergoing an operation on his nose, when his crew left for parts unknown. He hated that, because he couldn't go, too; but now that the operation was a success maybe his future will brighten. The Johnsons are sons of Mr. and Mrs. Sydney Johnson, 42 West Laurel Street.

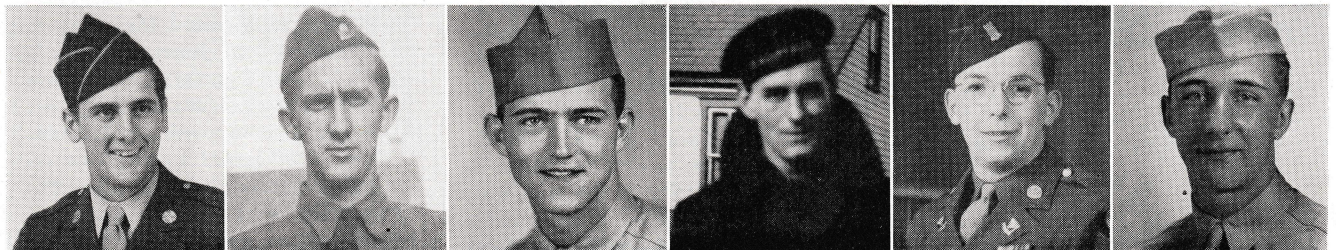


★ Here's a set of three brothers in service from Ebenezer church—the sons of Mr. and Mrs. George Hinnerschietz of 1430 Chelsea Ave. *Pfc. George "Duke" Hinnerschietz* is, or was, in England, with an anti-aircraft outfit. He went into the Army June 22, 1942, and trained at Ft. Eustis, Va. He was on desert maneuvers for a time, then was sent across. Letters home tell of receiving Stars and of the pleasure he gets from the magazine.

Brother *Jay* is a Navy radioman 3/c "touring" the Pacific in search of the elusive Jap fleet with an amphibious force. Jay entered the service April 19, 1943, going first to Sampson. Afterwards he was sent to Miami University, Oxford, Ohio. Active duty followed and now he tells in letters home of souvenirs collected to bring the folks.

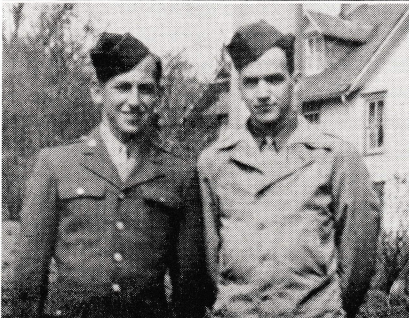
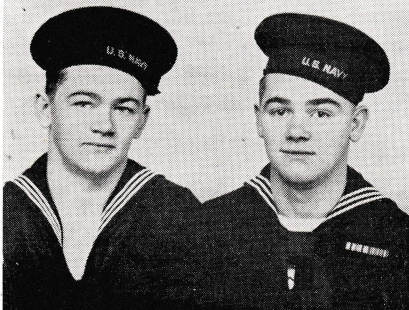
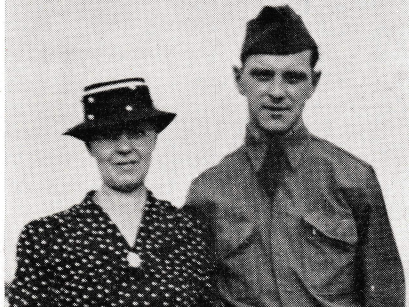
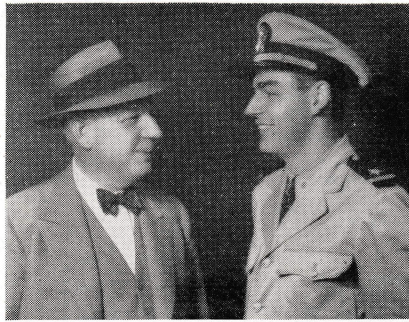
Leon, private in the Marines, has been in service since January 20 of this year and, after Parris Island and Cherry Point, is now at Lakehurst, N. J., at parachute rigger school. George and Jay went into service from Liberty Hi; Leon attended Liberty and Tech Hi.

★ Sons of Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Keim, 521 Washington Ave., *Fredrick W.* and *Elwood B., Jr.*, are both in the Army Air Forces, the former on duty in England since last October, the latter at Bruning Air Base, Nebraska, for advanced training. Fred has been in service since April 24, 1943; Elwood since December 18, 1943. Fred took his basic training at Atlantic City and from there was sent to Miami Beach, Fla. His brother received basic training at Miami Beach and was then sent to Bruning.



Lloyd Webb Harry Webb Wilbur Matz Norman Matz Fred Keim Edward Keim

FAMILY ALBUM IN PICTURES



★ Top picture, Lt. (j.g.) George F. Hocker, U.S.N.R., poses with his Dad; next below, Sgt. Geza Bognar and his Mother; third below, brother and sister, Corp. Ruth Frankenfield and S/Sgt. Royce Frankenfield; fourth below, the Heckman brothers, Bob and Earl; lower picture, Lloyd and James Fatzinger.

"the More We Get-together"

★ Of Lieut. (j.g.) George F. Hocker latest word is that he is in England, or reasonably close thereto. In the accompanying picture George is seen with his father, George F., Sr., of Paul Ave. Lieut. Hocker is a graduate of Muhlenberg college, a member of Holy Trinity church and husband of the former Annette Stauffer, who is now with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Stauffer, 926 Prospect Ave.

★ An interesting note is struck in information to Stars from Mr. and Mrs. James J. Frankenfield, 28 East Ettwein Street, whose two children, Royce and Ruth are both in uniform, Roy with the Army Air in Italy and Ruth with the feminine edition of the Leathernecks in California. Roy, it seems, is of an observing turn of mind and has used his eyes to good advantage in Africa, Sardinia and Italy. He has written many interesting letters home about living conditions in those countries and points out that although we folks back here in the USA may be undergoing curtailment of such things as gasoline for pleasure driving and silk stockings; rationing of foods; scarcity of luxury items, our conditions are not comparable with the misery and deprivation of the tens of thousands of unfortunates doomed to starvation and oppression. In his unwritten thoughts, Roy makes out a pretty good case for our untrammelled living by comparison.

Ruth, actually Corporal Ruth, is at El Toro Marine base, Santa Ana, Calif. She joined the Marines in August, 1943, just about two years ago. After basic training at New River she was sent as a private first class to Arlington, Va. After several months there she was transferred to Cherry Point for photography work and from there was moved to Santa Ana. In photography she is doing familiar work for she had been employed in the Steel company's photographic department.

Royce is a staff sergeant. He enlisted in the fall of 1941 and was called up in January of 1942. He trained first at Jefferson Barracks, Mo., and was stationed subsequently at Colorado Springs, Shreveport and Columbia, S. C. From the latter place he was sent to Africa in December, 1943, as a member of a ground crew in the Air Forces. Some months ago he went into Sardinia with his men.

WOMEN SERVING



Arlene Ueberroth

Jean Beers

★ Emmanuel Evangelical Congregational church has placed a second star for a girl from the congregation on its service flag, honoring Lt. Jean A. Beers, R.N., A.N.C., who is at Ft. Meade, Md. A graduate of St. Luke's school of nursing, she is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Beers, High Street.

★ Arlene Ueberroth now is a seaman second class in the WAVES and is stationed at Treasure Island, Calif. She's the daughter of Mrs. Winifred Breidinger, 549 Benner Ave. and is a former Bethlehem Steel employee. She took her basic training at Hunter College, New York, after joining the service March 9.

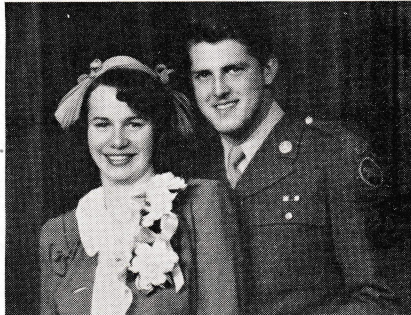
★ 2nd Lieut. Grace B. Wilder, A.N.C., stationed in India for the past 16 months, writes to friends in Zion Evangelical and Reformed congregation that Stars has proven interesting and a much-looked for arrival in the distant post she occupies.

★ Grace E. Hake, formerly of the Steel Co. Accounting Department, is now a sergeant and still engaged in the same type of work at Spokane, Washington. She'll never forget the Sunday she and her roommate spent visiting Farragut Naval Base. They were outnumbered—two WACS to 80,000 sailors. She's hoping to get back home in the near future.

Gifts Acknowledged

★ Stars acknowledges with thanks the generosity of Miss Edythe Snyder, Mr. Clayton Bernhardt, Mrs. Sidney Johnson, Mrs. Harry Fissel, Mr. Eric Ihle, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Compton, Jr., Junior Women's Club (third gift), Mrs. Raymond Schaffer, Mrs. Lamb, Mr. Alvan Brown, Isabelle Kratzer and Mrs. James Leslie. Contributions from these persons materially assisted in defraying miscellaneous expenses.

DANIEL CUPID



★ In upper photo, Petty Officer Elwood Clewell and fiancée, Miss Jean Ritz; next below, Cpl. and Mrs. Victor Koller, newlyweds; third below, S/Sgt. and Mrs. Ernest Barthol, also newlyweds; lower picture, Seaman First Class David J. Seifert and fiancée Evelyn Weaver.

★ May 22 in the First Presbyterian church, North Side, Robert "Bud" Sheldrake and Bettie Clara Yates of Dallas, Texas, became man and wife. The couple honeymooned in New York City, after which Bridegroom Bud returned to Camp Shelby, Miss. He has been, in previous times, stationed in almost every Southern state, including three assignments in Mississippi. Photo on page 22.

★ The betrothal of *Lieut. Dale Chamberlain, Jr.*, and *Miss Harriet Seiter*, both of Bethlehem, was announced recently when the lieutenant of Marines was home on leave. Dale left for New River, N. C., and from there was shipped to "parts unknown."

★ You'll find the pictures of *John S. Crawford II* and *William W. Crawford*, under Brothers, but their stories belong under Dan Cupid's business, for each is a recent bridegroom. John and *Miss Martha Jane Tennant* were married May 21 at the Shady Side Presbyterian church, Pittsburgh. He is stationed at the Camp Gruber, Okla., hospital.

Previous to their marriage, on Saturday, April 8, to be exact, *William Crawford* and *Miss Nancy Brown* were wed in the Third Presbyterian church, Pittsburgh. Bill is stationed at Camp McCoy, Wisc., where he is aide to the commanding officer.

★ The engagement of *Elwood Clewell, MM 3/c*, and *Jean Ritz* was announced April 10 by the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Ritz, 1416 Hottle Ave. Elwood is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Clewell, Sr., 1416 Center Street and is stationed at Camp Bradford, Norfolk, Va. He is a graduate of Beth Tech Hi and a member of Zion Evangelical and Reformed church. We understand he is a present serving with an LST crew.

★ Betrothal of *David J. Seifert, S 1/c*, to *Miss Evelyn Weaver*, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Weaver, 1518 Chelsea Ave., has been announced. The wedding date has not been set. Dave joined the Navy in January of '43 and, after boot training at Great Lakes, was sent to Oklahoma and then to Jacksonville, at which latter post he attended gunnery school. He is a gunner on a plane at Navy Air base, Harvey Point, N. C.

★ March 28 was the wedding day of *Pfc. Harold F. Neith* and *Helen Kresh*, the latter daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Kresh, 215 Seventh Ave., the former the son of Mr. and Mrs. Erwin Neith, 311 Eighth Ave. Harold received his basic training at Camp Lee, Va., after entering service December 17, 1943. The wedding took place while he was home on a furlough. Photo on page 17.

★ *Pfc. George Rowe* took time off on his last furlough to be married to *Miss Vivian Kehley* of Vineyard Street. He is stationed at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., at present while his wife is staying at her parents' home. The marriage was performed by Dr. J. Howard Worth, pastor of Grace Lutheran church, on March 20.

★ A six day furlough in March, only two of which he was able to spend at home, was put to good use by *Sgt. Ernest Barthol*, senior gunner in a bombing squadron of the AAF, stationed at Salina, Kan., for, on March 16, he and *Miss Virginia Irene Barton, R. N.*, were married in a double ring ceremony in Christ Evangelical and Reformed church. Two ministers tied the knot, the Rev. A. A. Welsh, pastor of the church, and the Rev. T. R. Jeffery, then pastor of Wesley Methodist church.

The bride, daughter of Mrs. James R. Barton, 1523 West Warket Street, and the late Mr. Barton, was given in marriage by her uncle, Harold Kreidler. She wore a grey ensemble with corsage of orchids. Her maid of honor was her sister, Miss Betty Barton. Sgt. Barthol's father was best man.

Mrs. Barthol graduated at Bethlehem High and the Methodist School of Nursing, Philadelphia. Her husband is also a BHS alumnus and was a junior at Moravian when he was inducted. The couple is residing in Salina, where Sgt. Barthol recently was advanced to staff sergeant, his third promotion in four months.

★ The marriage of *Dorothy Hartman*, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold E. Hartman, Easton and *Sergeant Robert D. Kieffer, Jr., U.S.A.*, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kiefer, 534 Washington Ave., Bethlehem, was solemnized Tuesday evening, April 25, in the Old Moravian Chapel, with the Rev. Byron K. Horne officiating.

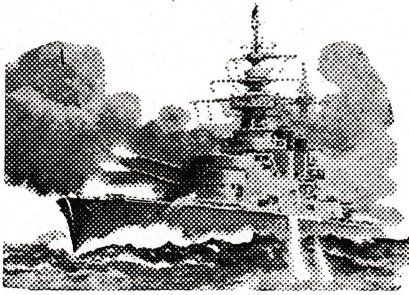
Mr. and Mrs. Roy Gold, Bethlehem, were the attendants. Floyd Ungerer and Platoon Sergeant Richard Brader, both of Bethlehem, ushered.

The bride was dressed in a blue street length gown with matching accessories and wore a corsage of gardenias.

Mrs. Kieffer was graduated from Easton High School and is employed by the Bethlehem Steel Co. Sgt. Kieffer was graduated from Bethlehem High School and had been employed by the Bethlehem Steel Co. before entering the service. He is stationed at Las Vegas, Nevada.

★ Another marriage for Christ Lutheran, Hellertown, congregation, was recorded recently by Dan Cupid when *Cpl. Victor Koller*, Hellertown R. D. I, and *Jeannette Stauffer*, of Bethlehem, were united in matrimony by the Rev. Byron Stauffer, pastor. At present the bridegroom is stationed at Camp Forrest, Tullahoma, Tenn., and his wife joined him there.

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THE NAVY AT SEA

"All Hands To Battle Stations"

★ *Robert C. Wartman, Yeo. 3/c*, is in the Panama Canal Zone now after a long tour of duty in Harrisburg. Enroute to Panama he ran into Bob Compton, of whom Stars has an article in Brothers-in-Arms, and the two enjoyed replaying in reminiscence some of those St. Stephen's-Salem Lutheran church baseball league games. Bob enlisted in July of 1942 and was at the Philadelphia Navy Yard for a time before going out to the state capital. He's a member of St. Stephen's.

★ Wherever there are amphibious operations there are LSTs and wherever there are LSTs there, too, may be *Vincent J. Gross, S 2/c*. Where he is is anybody's guess. Vinc enlisted November 5, 1943, just a few days after his 17th birthday. After seven weeks at Sampson he was sent to Solomon Branch, Md., for work with the amphibious forces. From there he was transferred to Neville Island, Pa., to join his crew.

★ *Paul G. Neumeyer, S 1/c*, formerly of Bethlehem and now of Main Street, Stockertown, was, at last word, on sea duty. He had been a member of the Armed Guard division. Paul, son of Mr. and Mrs. P. S. Neumeyer, received his boot training at Sampson and his gunnery schooling at Little Creek, Va.

★ Since D-Day was in the news we have heard so much of the role the great battleships of the U. S. fleet have been playing in the invasion that we wonder if *Charles H. Scheirer, S 2/c*, may not be one of them, especially since we have been told he is on a "battlewagon" at sea. Charley, son of Clarence Scheirer, 1209 Monocacy Street, completed boot training at Sampson, N. Y., in due course after induction in December 1943. He asked for sea duty . . . and got it. A brother serves in the Army Air Forces.

★ *Harry Dieter, F 1/c*, is in Hawaii, having returned to duty there from a recent leave home to see his wife, the former Thelma Christman at the home of her family, 139 West Laurel Street. Harry trained at Great Lakes, Ill., and while there sang in the chapel choir, putting to good use the choir training he had under Nativity's beloved "Pop" Shields.

★ We're putting *Benjamin Shaner, S 1/c*, in Navy at Sea because at last word he was waiting at Norfolk, Va., for destroyer duty and it is presumed that he is now on the rolling main. Ben started his Navy career at Sampson, was transferred to Bainbridge Quartermaster school. Upon completion of his work there he was sent to Norfolk for assignment. Ben and Grace Frankenfield recently became engaged. Both are members of Grace Lutheran church and Ben hangs his hat at 2204 Union Blvd., Allentown, when he's at home. Photo on page 15.

★ *Paul Buchold* is now a baker 1st class on one of the Liberty ships. Since his dad was a baker by trade, this accomplishment was not too difficult. By the way, his last letter came from England.

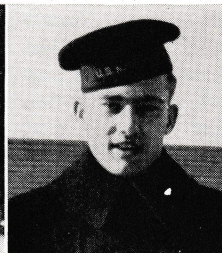
★ *Troy Ruth, Em 1/c*, somewhere in the Pacific isles, will no doubt be glad to get home to walk on the sidewalks of Bethlehem after wading through knee-deep mud out yonder.



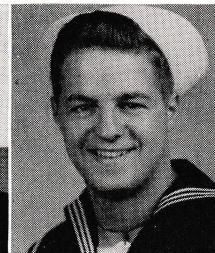
Louis R. Brown



William Reidelbach



Vincent Gross



Paul Neumeyer

★ Last report of *Louis R. Brown, Mo., Mm 3/c*, son of Rev. and Mrs. T. C. Brown, 930 Itaska Street, was that he was on duty with an LST crew in English waters. He embarked for overseas just one year ago April 30. He had been in North Ireland for a time and his mother received a letter and handkerchief from a Mrs. Greta Kennedy, Tyrone county, telling of the pleasant time they had when Louis visited in their home.

★ Serving the Caribbean area is *Harry Hassman, Mo. Mm 1/c*, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Hassman of Reading and one of the first members of St. Stephen's Lutheran church in Bethlehem to enter the service. Harry enlisted in 1942 and received his basic training at Great Lakes, Ill.

★ Among the many young men from Bethlehem and vicinity who have joined the Navy "to see the world" are some who have never left the land, probably to their collective sorrow, but *Gilbert Seifert, Mm 3/c*, of 13 Steinmetz Street, is not one of them for, we learned, he has made five trips to Africa, has been all through Nova Scotia, seen much of South America, has toured Scotland and tramped the Icelandic shores. Gil came home not long ago from South America to spend a 10-day leave with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Schmidt, 841 Washington Ave. A former Steel company worker, he is the son of the late Mrs. Emma Seifert. A brother and two sisters live with a third sister, Mrs. Grace Easterly.



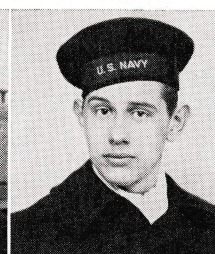
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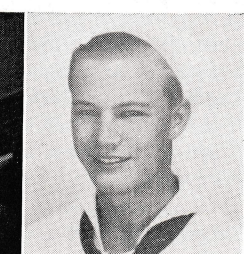
Francis Mehoe



Charles Scheirer



Joseph Ruhf



Harry Hassman

★ Advancement has come to *Martin Simsak*, who is now seaman second class. Martin is somewhere in the Pacific battle area, having finished his training at Sampson and been assigned to active service. He is the husband of the former Rose Prokop.

★ "I would like to tell you what we have been doing," writes *Ens. Harold Bilheimer*, "and where we are, but of course you understand that the censors can't permit that. We are in the Pacific—which is very, very wide, in fact, the largest body of water in the world, and in this ocean are very many islands. . . . Be sure that whenever the Japs are dealt a smashing blow the . . . will be in there slugging it out, doing a real job

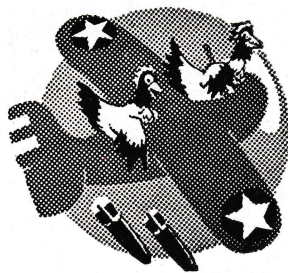
"My brother, *Ens. Willard Bilheimer*, has finished his training at Princeton and is now taking advanced work at Ft. Schuyler, N. Y., and will be out here soon."

★ *Francis Mehoe*, S 2/c, son of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Mehoe, Sr., 614 Pawnee Street, is presently aboard an aircraft carrier in the South Pacific. Wouldn't be a bit surprised if he is out there where the Yanks are giving the Nippies a run for their money. Francis was a year in service on July 2. After boot training at Sampson he was on duty in the Atlantic area and spent February in Trinidad, BWI.

★ While he was in England, *Harvey D. Hottle*, Phm. 2/c, bought himself a bike and on it pedalled about the lovely countryside every chance he got. We have no doubt that he came to know many picturesque and beautiful places and got intimate glimpses into English life in this fashion. Harvey has been in England since January and was advanced to his present grade May 7. He's a member of Emmanuel church.

★ Destroyer duty on both coasts has been the lot of *Joseph F. Ruhf*, Gm 2/c, since he finished his boot training. Joseph enlisted in 1941 and finds his life busy, exciting and satisfactory. He has seen action on Atlantic and Pacific waters. He's the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Ruhf, 2128 Glendale Ave.

★ Another Bethlehemite on the road to Tokyo is *Lt. (j.g.) William Reidelbach*, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Reidelbach, Sr., 1231 Monocacy St., who has been very busy in the Pacific islands as a member of the United Naval Construction battalion, in which he enlisted in May of '42. He trained at Norfolk, Va. He is a graduate of Lehigh university and was formerly with Rust Engineering, Pittsburg, as an engineer.



NAVY IN THE AIR



George Marley Bill Bonnamonte

★ Wielder of the "stinger" in the tail of a Liberator is *Bill Bonnamonte*, AMM 3/c, who has just recently completed training as tail gunner and at last reports was awaiting word to join the boys who are taking tucks in the Jap dragon's tail down in the South Pacific. He has been in service since March '43. When he lived in Bethlehem he made his home with Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Keeler at 1718 Elm Street.

★ Present whereabouts of *Petty Officer George Marley* is reported to Stars as San Diego, Calif., where he is a machinist mate in the Naval Air Force. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Marley, 1123 Elm Street, and a graduate of Memorial Hi, Wilkes-Barre, where he was a member of the glee club. He has been in this city four years and worked at the Steel. Upon induction he was sent to Sampson, N. Y., for his basic training and then attended school at Norman, Okla., for six months.

★ "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 Heltertown, 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.

▶ **PLEASE NOTE**—Readers of Stars in The Service. The next issue of the magazine will be published in the Fall—possibly October. Reporters will be notified of deadline for news and pictures.

★ "Tell all the fellows I was asking about them and wish them lots of luck," *Harvey D. Hottle*, Ph.M. 3/c, writes under date of May 3 via Fleet Postoffice.

SEA-BEES

"We Build"

★ *Edward Billman* is spending his time at Quoddy Village, Maine, that spot made famous in the early days of the present administration when a tidal power project was begun there. Billman is one of the Sea-Bees. He's a member of Holy Trinity and his wife is living at 317 Hanover Street.

★ Serving with the Sea-Bees is *Joseph Kralik*, S 1/c, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Kralik of 612 South Bishopthorpe Street. Joe entered service October of 1943 and boot trained at Camp Peary, Va., and at Port Hueneme, Calif. Right now he is somewhere in the South Pacific, in good health and getting a kick out of his work. He was 19 in July.



James Kralick, Jr. Edward Billman

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 NAVY IN HOME WATERS

"Fleets In — Every Man For Himself"

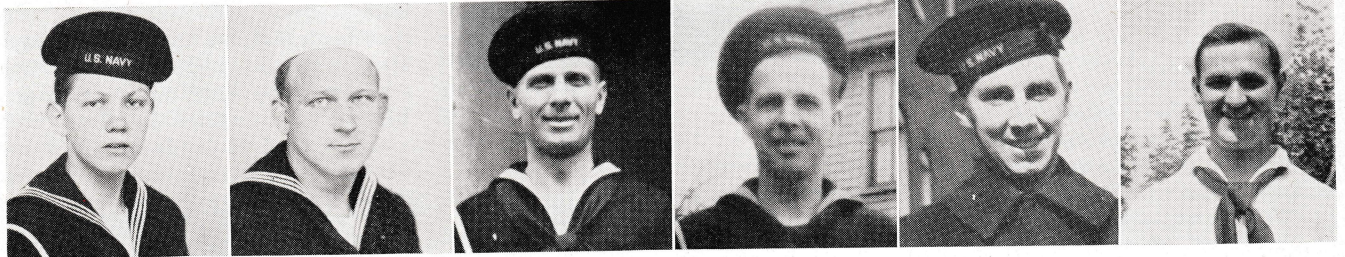
★ Studying in Basic Engineering school at Gulfport, Miss., since April, **William Keeler, F 2/c**, is grounding himself in the elements of skill that make our Naval engineering units tops. Bill was inducted last February and saw basic training at Sampson, N. Y. He is a graduate of Liberty Hi and grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Erney, 208 East Ettwein Street.

Austin Krueger, 244 East Goepp Street. After an exciting and enjoyable furlough he returned to his post and old job as postmaster in Columbus, Ohio. He is a member of College Hill Moravian Church. Brand's brother-in-law, **Albert M. Strohl, F 1/c**, is also in the Navy. After graduating from Diesel "C" School with the rank of Mo. M. M. 3/c he spent a five day furlough with his wife, the former Miss Annette Krueger. On May 12th he left for Camp Bradford, Virginia, for advanced training.

★ **Milton Hammond**, father of two youngsters residing at 621 Maple Street, is finishing training at Newport, R. I., having completed boot training at Sampson. Before induction January 4 he was an inspector for the Bethlehem Steel Co. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hammond, 715 Elm Street.

★ **Paul E. Bissey, S 2/c**, is at present at the University of Chicago. He entered the Navy February 10 and started his seagoing career at the Great Lakes, N. T. S. Not long ago he had a seven-day leave with his wife, the former Marcia Hill.

★ **Nelson Clater, S 2/c**, is stationed at Virginia Beach, Va., where he was



William Keeler

Paul Bissey

Edward Halteman

Warren Huber

Milton Hammond

Nelson Clater

★ Many of the Bethlehem boys now in service remember their commercial department teacher at Liberty Hi, **John Fuhr**, who was a member of the faculty for 13 years. Mr. Fuhr, on February 10, reported to Tuscon, Ariz., where he was commissioned a lieutenant (j.g.) in the Naval Reserve. Upon completion of his indoctrination at the University of Arizona, he was assigned to Harvard for a course in Naval communications.

Lieut. Fuhr is the fifth Liberty Hi teacher to enter the armed service. He's a native of Bethlehem, a graduate of LHS, class of '26, of Muhlenberg, class of '30 and holds a degree from U. of P., '31. Always interested in athletics, he coached football and basketball at Franklin JHS. Mrs. Fuhr, the former Jean Frantz, lives at 2117 Henderson Street.

★ **Brand Kreuger, S 2/c**, arrived home on April 16th. He celebrated his 20th birthday on the 20th of April at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs.

sent from Bainbridge, Md., his boot training camp. After Bainbridge he had a leave home with his wife, the former Helen Gross, 937 Dellwood Street, and his mother, Mrs. Lilly Clater, 1440 Chelsea Ave. He was employed by Bethlehem Steel at the time of induction and is another of the Emmanuel boys in service.

★ **Warren H. Huber, S 2/c**, son of Mr. and Mrs. V. R. Huber, 430 East North Street, is at Sampson, N. Y., in transportation. He has been in service over six months.

★ **Harvey's Pt., N. C.**, is the latest location given for **David J. Seifert, S 1/c**, who started along the Navy way at Great Lakes February 2, 1943, attended ordnance school at Norman, Okla., graduated from Naval air gunner's school at Purcell, Okla., and finally landed at Harvey's Pt. At last word he expected soon to be exchanging punches with Hon. S. Solly Please Tojo. His engagement to Evelyn Weaver was recently announced.

★ **Stanley L. Paul, F 2/c**, a member of Nativity Episcopal church, is presently attending basic engineering school at Navy Training center, Gulfport, Miss. He took his boot training at Bainbridge, Md., completing that Navy business April 12. He was transferred thence to Gulfport after a short leave. Stanley is a former BS Co. employe. In August of 1943 he married Ruth Wallace, who is residing with her family at 619 14th Avenue while he is in the service. Stan's brother, **Pvt. Donald Paul**, was last reported with the AAF at Keesler Field, Miss.

★ Stars prints a picture of **Edward Halteman** but has no information of his whereabouts, his present Naval grade or of any of his current doings or past career. He is, however, the husband of the former Grace Ogle, 7th Ave., an alumnus of Liberty Hi and Bethlehem Business college, a former salesman for the P. P. & L. and a member of Holy Trinity church.



Brand Krueger

Albert Strohl

Stanley Paul

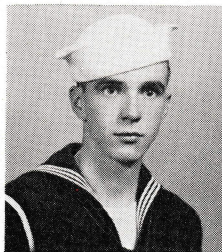
John Fuhr

Grant Moyer

David Seifert

★ One year in the Navy ended in June for *Grant L. Moyer, S 1/c*, who is at St. Lawrence University, Canton, N. Y., on a two year course of specialized training. A member of Calvary Evangelical and Reformed church, Grant is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer H. Moyer, 553 East Locust Street. He is a graduate of Liberty High, class of '42, and while there was active in sports. He entered Moravian college and played varsity football. In January of this year he was graduated at Quartermaster school, Sampson, N. Y., where he had studied navigation and signaling. He then qualified for V-12 and was sent to St. Lawrence.

★ *John A. More, S 1/2*, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar A. More, 638-8th Avenue, a member of Central Moravian Church, completed a course at Memphis, Tenn., to become a machinist's mate and is now enrolled in Naval Air Gunner's school in Hollywood, Florida. Jack describes Hollywood with its palm trees and green grass the "the prettiest spot this side of heaven."



William Bebb



Benjamin Shaner



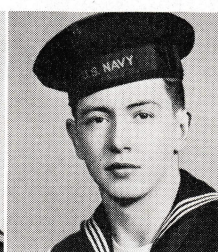
LeRoy Huber



Dan Wetzel



Monroe Weirbach



Lawrence Callahan

★ *Monroe Weirbach*, of Hellertown, is at present stationed at Great Lakes, Ill., taking the machinist specialist course. He has been in service about a year, entering in July of 1943 and going to Bainbridge, Md. He was transferred from there to Great Lakes, where he celebrated his 21st birthday in March.

★ Friends of *John M. Antolick, S 1/c*, will be glad to hear he has recovered from injuries sustained while on duty in South America. He is at present doing light duty and as this was written was in hopes of coming home for a visit.

★ As his rating indicated, *Warren C. Crouthamel, Sk 2/c*, is a storekeeper. He is behind the counter somewhere in Alabama.

★ *Harry La Rose, Jr.* recently received advancement to the rank of Lt. j. g. He's still located in the cold, barren regions off the coast of Alaska.

★ *James C. Zimmerman* is presently attending Naval Quartermaster school at Gulfport, Miss. He completed his

boot training at Sampson Naval Training station March 23. After a 7-day leave and visit to his family, he was sent to the Q.S. at Newport, R. I., stayed there three weeks and was then sent to Gulfport.

★ *William A. Bebb*, petty officer 1st class, aviation metalsmith, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Bebb of 1625 Easton Avenue, a graduate of Liberty High School, enlisted in the Navy in February 1942. Upon completing boot training at Newport, R. I., he was sent to Naval Aviation School at Navy Pier, Chicago. He left the pier with the rate of aviation metalsmith, 3rd class and was sent to San Diego, Calif. Bill was wearing two stripes when he was home in January but on May last he got the third almost in time for his 20th birthday, which he celebrated on April 17th. A member of First Baptist Church, he says, "Keep the Stars coming. I like to read about the home boys and former classmates."

★ *Daniel Wetzel, S 1/c*, was last reported to be at Texas A & M, to

which place he was sent from Michigan City, Ind. R. T. S., where he received his rating. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Wetzel of Washington Ave. and was inducted December 14, 1943, boot training at Sampson.

★ *Thomas F. Kimmel, S 2/c*, was last reported to be attending advanced Radar training school at Miami, Fla., where he was sent April 15 from the Radar school at Virginia Beach, Va. Tom entered service January 27 from the employment of a Providence, R. I., firm as a field engineer at Standard Steel, Burnham, Pa.

He boot trained at Sampson, N. Y., and then had the usual brief leave which he spent with his wife, the former Josephine Miller of Bethlehem and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Millard F. Kimmel of Philadelphia. Upon his return to Sampson he was ordered to Virginia Beach.

★ *William Diehl, AS*, entered the Navy April 18 and is taking his basic in large doses at Bainbridge, Md. On May 18 he celebrated a birthday. His

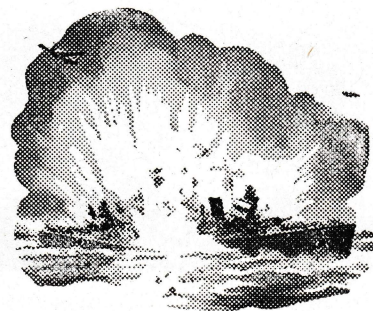
wife and daughter live at 322 East Laurel Street and the family are members of St. Matthew's.

★ *LeRoy A. Huber, F 2/c*, was assigned to Norfolk, Va., upon completion of eleven weeks of training at Dearborn, Mich., where he got his rating. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Simon Huber, Bethlehem, he is the father of a baby daughter nearly a year old. She and her mother have been living at Norfolk with Daddy. He is a former Steel company employee and was drafted December 4, 1943, going first to Sampson, then to Dearborn.

★ *Lawrence H. Callahan, S 2/c*, according to news submitted from First Reformed church, is attending Quartermaster school at Sampson, N. Y., where he also took his boot training. Larry is a graduate of Liberty Hi, class of '43 and son of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Callahan, Wydnor.

★ Friends since their childhood days, *Joseph Schultz, F 1/c*, *William Farkas, F 1/c*, and *Ernest Rittoper, S 1/c*, are all wearing the Navy blue in the service of their country. Schultz is

the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Schultz of 811 Wood Street and holds a certificate of honor from the Great Lakes training school. Farkas is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Farkas, Sr., 1041 Crawford Street. The third chum is the son of Mrs. Theresa Rittoper, 714 Leibert Street, and is now at New Orleans. They have managed to keep in touch with each other in spite of being assigned to different stations in different parts of the country. Rittoper is a graduate of torpedo school, Newport, R. I. Schultz is undergoing advanced training at Richmond, Va., and it is believed Farkas may be at sea, for he was expecting assignment when last heard from.





WITH THE LEATHERNECKS

"The Situation Is Well In Hand"

★ *Pfc. Charles R. Baer*, who entered the Marines December 2, 1943, is taking advanced work in Radar at Drew Field, Fla., where he was sent from Camp Lejeune, N. C. He "booted" at Parris Island. A graduate of Liberty Hi, class of '43, he is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Baer, Bethlehem R. D. 2.

★ *Pvt. Arthur J. "Bud" Gerlach* is a veteran at Tarawa and other battles in the South Pacific too numerous to enumerate. He has been three years in the Corps and marked his anniversary June 3. He has been overseas 18 months as this is written. Bud is the son of Mrs. Caroline Gerlach, 933 Seneca Street, and got his boot training at Parris Island, S. C.

★ *Sgt. Francis Lennert*, who for a long time was in Iceland and in Cuba, is now in California. He is the husband of the former Theresa Kardos, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Kardos, and enlisted in the Marines in November, 1940.

DECLARATION

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Victor Hahn

Arthur Gerlach

Francis Lennert

★ With the Marshalls, the Marianas and Tokyo much in the news, it is interesting to learn that *Pfc. Geza Fuiz* took part in the invasion of the first named place and may be even now assisting in making Hirohito's Sons of Heaven regret the day they ever left the Land of the Rising Sun. Geza is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Fuiz, 1017 Broadway. He entered the service July 26, 1942, took boot training at Parris Island and was then sent to New River. After a stay there he was moved to Camp Pendleton, California, and in January of this year went overseas. He is a regular correspondent, his parents hearing from him often. John was employed by BSCo. before joining the Marines. He was interested in sports, particularly basketball, and was a member of St. John's Windish church.

★ *Stanley Williams*, former acolyte at Nativity Episcopal church, is in California, or was when this was written. He must, it seems, get to Hollywood for the accompanying picture was taken in that village of glamorous dames. Stan. entered the service in July, 1943.

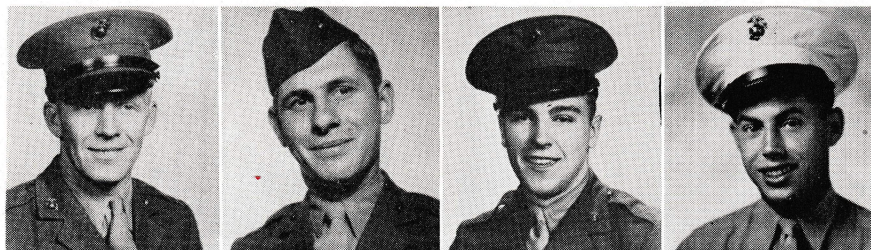
★ His basic training completed, *Pvt. Norman Gross* is taking advanced work at Camp Lejeune, N. C., whence he was transferred from Parris Island. He was inducted December 3, 1943. Norman is the son of the late John and Tillie Gross and husband of the former Ruth Sigley.

★ *Victor F. Hahn, Jr., Ph. M. 2/c*, is on duty at the U. S. Marine hospital, Camp Lejeune, New River, N. C. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Victor Hahn, 739 East Fairview Street, and nephew of Harry Dieter, U. S. Navy, about whom Stars has a brief note under Navy at Sea.



HAY, HAY—HULA!

★ Just so the folks back home can see what real grass skirts look like, *Bill Weiss, F 3/c*, got himself up in this souvenir and had one of his buddies take the photo we reproduce here. If Bill lacks the glamour we have come to expect of the South Pacific belles, we may attribute it to the fact that he, well, belles are belles and Bill just ain't got what it takes to be a belle! He has, however, got what it takes to be a fighting sailor in Uncle Sam's Navy and back home his wife, the former Verna Lipko, and two little Weisses, a four-year-old son and a little daughter almost a year old whom he has never seen, will back us up in that! Bill has been overseas since April, '43, and is somewhere near the vicinity of the Solomons. He has been making friends with the natives and one of these good people is making him a fine collection of sea shells to send home. Bill has run into an old school friend, Archie Stephin, while in the South Pacific.



Norman Gross

Stan Williams

Charles Baer

Geza Fuiz

THE ARMY ON FOREIGN SOIL

"Apple Blossom Time in Normandy"

★ *Pvt. John Podleszek, Jr.*, is in Iceland with an anti-aircraft unit; has been for six months. He has been in service since May 14, 1943. A member of St. John's Windish church, he is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Podleszek, 1023 Seneca Street.

★ Sports fans please note . . . *Lieut. James G. Long*, stationed in England with an Engineer battalion, recently wrote that it was his privilege to act as master-of-ceremonies when Joe Louis, world heavyweight champ, visited the camp.



★ *Pvt. Truman J. Reese*, of College Hill church, husband of Isabel Schupp of North Main Street, was inducted into the Army October 16, 1943, and received his basic training at Camp Wheeler, Georgia. After a short furlough at home he was sent overseas with the Infantry. After arriving in Africa, he camped with fourteen other Bethlehem men. He is now somewhere in Italy. Before induction, Pvt. Reese was an English teacher and dramatic coach at Nitschman Junior High School.



Martin Seifert

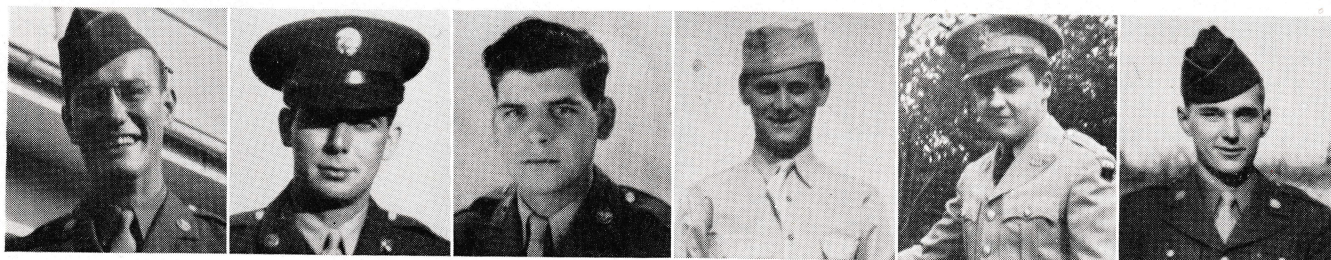
Francis Kale

Harold Neith

★ *Lieut. Frank R. Boyer*, Army Medical Corps, son of Mrs. Frank S. Boyer, 318 West Packer Ave., and the late Dr. Boyer, is serving with the Army hospital unit overseas, his last location being given as "somewhere in England." In the June, 1943, Stars reference was made to Capt. George S. Boyer, also Medical Corps, son of Dr. and Mrs. Boyer.

★ *Pvt. Robert W. Smith* celebrated his 19th birthday on the Anzio, Italy, beachhead . . . not the most enchanting place to receive felicitations on such an occasion, but no doubt Bob was glad enough to celebrate, no matter where he happened to be. He entered the service July 24, 1943, and went across January 9, 1944. Bob is a graduate of Fountain Hill Hi, class of '43.

★ When last heard from *Pvt. Louis Filo Jr.* was basking in the sun "somewhere in North Africa." Louis is attached to a Quartermaster Laundry unit. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Filo, Sr., and entered the service August 9, 1943. He was sent to Camp Lee, Va., where he received both basic and advanced training.



Graham Miller

Robert Smith

James Arner

John Scholl

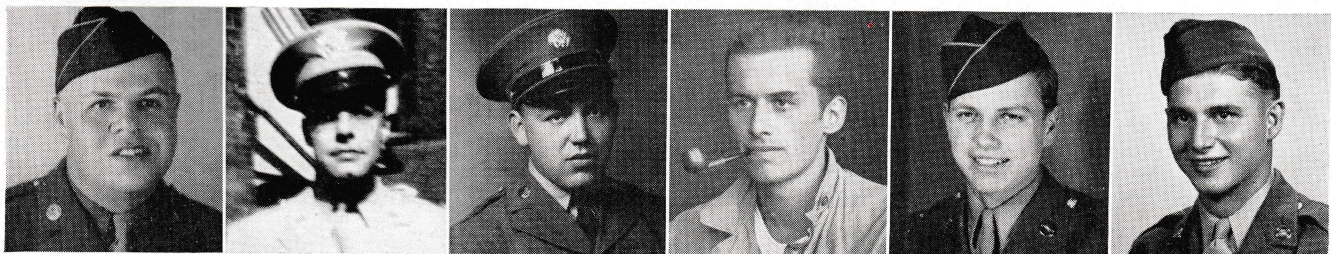
James Long

Lewis Filo

★ More than 19 months has *Pvt. John F. Scholl* spent on overseas duty, going first to New Zealand, then to Australia and last to New Guinea. Scholl was drafted April 6, 1941 and spent 15 months at Carlisle Barracks in the Medical Battalion. In July, 1942, he was graduated from the Camp Meade cooking school and sent out to California, from thence going to New Zealand. He's the son of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Scholl, Hellertown, and a member of Christ Lutheran church in that town.

★ *Pvt. Harry Herbst* is a member of that branch of the service that sends its messengers of death ahead of the advancing troops . . . the artillery. Herbst is the son of Ralph Herbst of 1401 West Market Street. He was sent first to Camp Blanding and then to Fort Meade. After some training there, he was sent to England. We can only speculate that he is with the invasion forces now, somewhere in Normandy. He attended Liberty Hi and had been employed at Cohen and Green service station.

★ *Pfc. Francis E. Kale*, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin P. Kale, Sr., Quakertown R. D 2, is one of the vast army of Medical Corpsmen whose heroic devotion to duty in writing new and brilliant annals in the history of that great organization as the arms of liberation press on toward victory. Francis is overseas, we presume with the invasion forces, for last word had him in England. He is attached to the Signal Corps. He's a graduate of O'Reilly General Hospital, Springfield, Mo.



Truman Reese

Frank Boyer

Jack Heller

John Martin

Harry Herbst

John Podleszek, Jr.

★ Only thing we know of the whereabouts of *James Arner*, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Arner of West North Street, is that he has a Miami APO.

★ *Sgt. Graham Miller*, after a stay in New Orleans, has moved on to New Guinea where he makes it his business to secure food for the base hospital there.

★ One of the thousands of American soldiers who have been giving Hitler's Henchmen the "hot foot" in Italy for the past weeks is *Pvt. Martin E. Seifert*, better known as "Reds," of whom Stars only knows that he is in the land of spaghetti and . . . Reds became a soldier of his Uncle Sam October 16, 1943, and learned the Army routine at Camp Wheeler. After a brief interlude at Ft. Meade, he was sent to North Africa and from there gravitated to Italy. He is a member of St. Matthew's church and calls 225 East Ettwein Street "home."

★ Way out yonder in Burma, *S/Sgt. John H. Martin* is doing his bit as a member of an anti-aircraft outfit. Promotion to his present grade came shortly after he landed in India early in 1943. Martin has been in service since September, 1940, when he left Bethlehem with the 213th (First Defenders). He was at Virginia Beach for a time, later was sent to Ft. Eustis, to Camp Stewart, to Ft. Bragg, to Brooklyn. In 1942 he was advanced to corporal and to sergeant and returned to Stewart. From there . . . overseas to India. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George Martin, 1434 Lorraine Ave.

★ *Pfc. Jack K. Heller*, son of Mrs. Lena Heller of 618 Main Street, formerly a member of Nativity Episcopal, in the 213th Coast Artillery is now in Corsica. He has been overseas 18 months, in several places—Africa—where he celebrated his 21st birthday—also in Sicily and Italy.

★ Latest word of *Pvt. William Heimbrook* had him on the way across for overseas duty. By this time, no doubt, he is at the scene of action.

★ Word comes from somewhere in England that *Ray J. Minnich* was promoted to the rank of corporal on May 12. He has been overseas since October, 1943, and has been fortunate enough to meet several boys from Bethlehem also serving overseas. He is attached to the 297th Signal Installation Company. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Minnich, 1509 Linden Street.



★ Geiger Field, Spokane, Wash., was the last we heard, the location of *Walter W. Lilly, Jr.* He was stationed there with the Aviation Engineers. Walter was inducted into the AAF in June of '43 and went first to Greensboro, N. C. Later he was three months at Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, and then went to Nashville, Tenn. From there he was sent to Gulfport, Miss., and lastly to the Bahamas. Upon being assigned to Geiger, he received a furlough and came home over Palm Sunday and Easter to be with his wife, Ellen, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Lilly, Sr., 121 West Goepf Street.

★ *William R. Schmoll*, aviation cadet, is at Albany, Ga. He is a former Lehigh University student, a member of Holy Trinity Lutheran church and the son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Schmoll.



Walter Lilly, Jr.

William Schmoll

Burton Rudolph

★ Undergoing basic training at Keesler Field, Miss., is *Burton O. Rudolph*, who enlisted in the Air Forces Reserve in October 1943 and was called up April 8, last. He's a member of St. Paul's Evangelical and Reformed church.

★ On duty "somewhere overseas" is *S/Sgt. Ted Oswald*, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Oswald, 1328 Easton Avenue, a graduate of Liberty Hi and the Eccles College of Embalming as well as of the Aviation school of Medicine at Randolph Field, Texas. He was last at Station Hospital, Army Air base, Alexandria, La., and was sent from there to San Francisco, Calif., for embarkation to his present station. Ted entered the AAF in 1943 and trained first at Kearns Field, Utah, then to Ft. Benj. Harrison in Indiana where he attended Medical detachment enlistment technical school.

ARMY AIR

East, West, North, South!

★ Service of something over a year overseas in the South Pacific . . . New Guinea, to be exact . . . and promotion to sergeant is the latest news of *William P. Kichline, Jr.*, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Kichline, 230 Hamilton Ave., and husband of the former Mae Michael, Easton R. D. 3. Bill recently had a furlough in Australia. He entered service November, 1942, and trained first at Miami Beach. He was sent to Signal Corps school at Ft. Monmouth, N. J., and then to Drew Field, Florida. From there it was only a hop to San Francisco and on to New Guinea.

★ *Paul E. Kunsman*, technical sergeant and gunner in the Air Forces, got his first "Jerry" in a flight over Germany from England. His was the first kill for his squadron, too. He's the son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Kunsman, Sr., 1407 Center Street.

★ *Pvt. Robert K. Hartzell* has been transferred from Scott Field to Walla Walla, Wash.

★ *Jack Markos*, son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael John Hoffman, 91 East Broad Street, did us the great honor of forwarding an invitation to the awarding of wings and commissions to Class 44-E, Army Air Forces Pilot School (Advanced Single Engine), Eagle Pass Army Field, Eagle Pass, Texas, of which class he was a member. To Jack he say "many thanks" and sorry we could not have donned seven league boots and been there the morning of May 23rd when that class of AAF fielding took wing, so to speak, and were airborne on their own. Congratulations, Jack, even belated, and to every man who stood beside you that day.

★ *Lt. Markos* is a member of Salem church and a graduate of Liberty Hi. He has been in service close to two years and has been stationed in Florida, Ohio, Texas, Kansas and Missouri. After graduation he had a leave home.



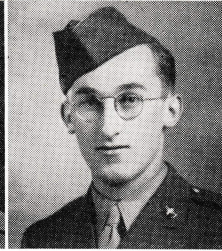
Paul Bruce



Robert Long



Ernest Reinhold



Gerald Bachman



Richard Montz



John Reynolds

★ *Lieut. Robert F. Long*, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward R. Long of 2204 Montgomery Street, entered the Army Air Force on June 30, 1942, and has been stationed at Wright Field, Dayton, Ohio. He was married on September 11, 1943, to Virginia Dorothy Reed of Claremont, New Hampshire.

★ A loyal rooter for the old Keystone State is *Pvt. Ernest W. Reinhold*, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Reinhold of 121 West Morton Street, who writes, after having been stationed all over the countryside at various times: "As far as all the states I have seen go, I still like Pennsylvania the best." (That's the spirit!) Ernie entered the Air Forces from his last year at Tech Hi, graduating in June of '43 and going into service in July. He was stationed at San Antonio, Texas, and later traveled north at the time of the Mississippi flood. He's a member of St. Mark's Lutheran church.

★ *S/Sgt. Gerald H. Bachman* has recently been transferred from Salt Lake City, Utah, to Lincoln, Neb. He was 23 years old during June and in August celebrates two years in the Air Forces. From time to time, we learn, he has been acting as first sergeant of his unit. 'Tis said Jerry's middle name is "Eat" and rumor hath it that he is the first to line up for mess call.

★ *Paul Bruce* is now at Rapid City, S. D. Son of Mrs. Anna Bruce, he enlisted in July, '42, and was sent to Miami Beach, Fla., transferred to Scott Field, Ind., then to Boise, Idaho, and from there to Rapid City.

★ *A/C John Glenn Reynolds* is at present at the Army air base at Santa Ana, Calif., where he has just about completed his pre-flight training as

a navigator and expects to be moved to another base for advanced navigator training at an early date. He re-received his basic training at Greensboro, N. C., and from there was sent to school at Moorhead, Minn., graduating February 11, going from there to the Classification center at Santa Ana.

He is the husband of the former Anna Marie Eddinger of 1024 Delaware Ave., the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Reynolds of 1130 Sioux Street and a member of Grace Evangelical Reformed Church of Fountain Hill.

★ English castles have had lots of different sorts of people stopping in them over the centuries and now we come to a "G. I. Joe" from Hellertown parking his brogues in one. He's *Cpl. Howard H. Frankenfield*, airplane machinist and radio expert, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Frankenfield of 141 Northampton Street. By now, who knows, he may be servicing a Fortress or a radio somewhere in Normandy enroute to the Rhine. Howard graduated at Hellertown Hi in 1942 and worked for the P. B. & N. E. He was inducted April 16, 1943, and sent to Greensboro, N. C. From there he went to Athens, Ga., to radio school, studying at Athens four months. He was sent to airplane machinist school at Rantoul, Ill., and then overseas, having a stopover of a few hours with his family enroute to embarkation.

★ *Pfc. William H. Repsher*, son of Mrs. William Repsher and the late Mr. Repsher and member of Holy Trinity Lutheran church, is now with the West Point command at Stewart Field, N. Y. He graduated at Love Aviation school, Dallas, Texas.

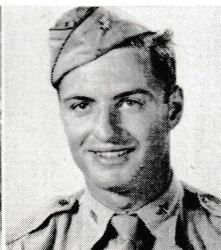
★ As the war on the Nips accelerates its pace, there's at least one Bethlehem boy right in there dishing out the 'eggs' for Tojo's breakfast — *Richard T. Montz*, technical sergeant, AAF, aerial engineer and bombardier on a heavyweight somewhere in the South Pacific-New Guinea area. Dick, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Montz, 431 East North Street, entered the Army in October of '39 and was assigned to Langley Field, N. J., where he studied aviation mechanics. He served subsequently at Miami, Fla., and in Puerto Rico for over two years. In May, 1943, he came home on furlough, then took advanced training at Will Rogers Field in Okla. and was sent to the South Pacific in September of the same year.

★ Silver wings and the Army's commission as a 2nd lieutenant in the Air Forces are the proud possession of *C. Ellis Lehr, Jr.*, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Lehr of 1522 West North Street, who enlisted in June, 1942, from Lehigh University and received his wings and bars May 23rd at Moore Field, Mission, Texas. He was called for active duty in February of '43 and took basic at Miami Beach, Fla. In April he went to Wittenberg College, Springfield, Ohio, where during his studies, he was on the editorial staff of the post newspaper.

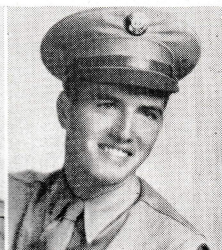
In July he was classified at San Antonio, Texas, for pilot training and entered pre-flight school there. He took primary at Cimarron Field, Oklahoma City, and basic at Enid Army Air Field, Enid, Okla. From there he was sent to Single Engine advanced school at Moore. A news-minded chap, he was feature editor and editor-in-chief of post papers at San Antonio and Cimarron, respectively.



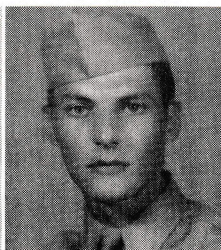
Sterling Unangst, Jr.



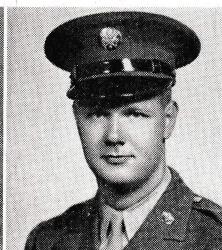
Jack Markos



William Repsher



C. Ellis Lehr



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Howard Frankenfield

★ Promotion to the rank of sergeant and the news that he has over 600 hours in the air with the "Jungle Skippers" to his credit is the latest on *Sterling J. Unangst, Jr.*, radio operator on a troop carrying plane in the New Guinea area. The Skippers have carried supplies as well as troops and have done such magnificent work that they have won the commendation of Lt. Gen. Kenney, 5th AAF commander, and Col. Raymond Elsmore, North Australian directorate of Air Transport.

★ *Pfc. Truman W. King, Jr.*, son of Mr. and Mrs. Truman W. King, Sr., 822 North School Street, has completed one year in the Air Force after graduating as a high speed radio operator from Camp Crowder, Miss. He is at present with a Signal Aircraft Warning company in Drew Field, Florida. Before his induction, he taught music in the Ralph Titlow Music Studio, where he instructed students of the guitar. He studied the Spanish guitar under Watts Clarke, former Bethlehem music teacher, who is also serving U. S. Army. In addition to his training he also plays with one of the orchestras at Drew Field, Florida. He was inducted April 17, 1943.

★ Master of many trades, *Robert W. Deetz, Sr.*, probably is putting them all to good use "somewhere in Italy" where he is on duty with the Service unit of the Army. "Deetzie," as he is known back home, is by way of being a barber, a drummer and a crane operator, which last occupation he enjoyed at the Steel company's shops before going into service May 8, 1942. He has seen plenty of the U. S. as well as of foreign lands, having served first at Miami Beach, Fla., then at Duncan Field, Texas. After that, Camp Pendleton, Ore., and Ft. Lewis, Wash., and finally Camp Kilmer, N. J. He left this country December 10, 1942, arriving in North Africa two days before Christmas. He was a year there and was then sent to Italy, land of spaghetti and vino.

★ At present at March Field, Calif., as an airplane mechanic, *William Bond*, Holy Trinity member, has been in service almost a year.

★ On May 22, *Pvt. Ralph Strock* celebrated his 24th birthday at his overseas base, whence he was transferred from St. Louis, Mo., after basic training at Keesler Field, Miss. Ralph was inducted in October of '43. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Strock, 213 West Fairview Street, and husband of the former Eleanor Keeler. He and Mrs. Keeler are the parents of a son a year and a half old. The Keelers belong to St. Stephen's Lutheran church.

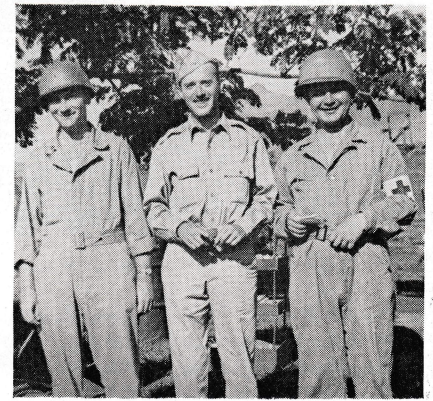
★ Lincoln, Neb., is the present address of *C. G. "Bud" Sandford*, who recently was moved there from Armorer school at Lowry Field, Colo. Bud entered the service October 15, 1942, and trained at Keesler Field. He was transferred from there to Nashville and classified for pilot training. His pre-flight came at Maxwell Field, Ala., from where he was moved for primary at Harrell Field, Camden, Ark. After hospitalization for eight months after an accident, he was sent to Lowry.

★ *Pvt. Llewellyn A. Remaley*, radio specialist, is at Truax Field in Wisconsin, where he was sent from radio school at Sioux Falls, S. D. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Remaley, 1440 North High Street, he was inducted October, 1943. He received his basic at Keesler Field. Remaley is an alumnus, class of '41, of Liberty Hi and is a former Kurtz Bros. employe.

★ *Cpl. Edwin Bitting*, whose picture appeared in the April issue of Stars as Edward Bitting, is stationed in New Guinea, where he was sent from Mitchell Field, N. Y. He was at Mitchell from August 1941 until March of '42, when he went to the South Pacific. He expected a furlough home but we have not heard if he managed it.

★ Not much to note of *2nd Lt. Robert Bruce Miller* except that he is evidently "somewhere in the Pacific," for his APO is San Francisco. He left January 17, 1943, for service and was commissioned November 3. He is a member of a fighter squadron.

SILVER STAR

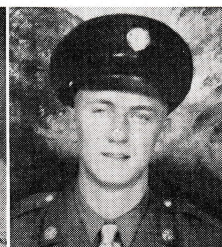


★ *Capt. Frank E. Reynolds*, Army Corps of Chaplains, center above, holds the coveted Silver Star award for gallant conduct, awarded to him for remaining with advanced elements of his battalion during all phases of the Makin Island fighting, assisting with the wounded and, by his personal example, inspiring his comrades under enemy fire. The star was presented by Lt. Gen. Robert C. Richardson, Jr., commanding general of Army forces in the Central Pacific. Standing at Chaplain Reynold's right in the accompanying picture is Dr. Adam; at his left, Sgt. Dieroff. The chaplain is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Israel Reynolds, 1112 Maple St. He is married and the father of a son, John Calvin, living with his mother in Reading. He is a minister of the Evangelical and Reformed church.

ARMY-NAVY PAIR



★ In civilian life they'd be Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Purcell, but in wartime parlance they are *Charles W. Purcell, M 2/c* in the SeaBees and *Pvt. Pearl I. Purcell, Women's Army Corps*. Charles is in New Guinea, Pearl at Ft. Oglethorpe, Ga., for advanced training. Charles received his boot training at Camp Peary, Va., after entering service May 28, 1943, and was sent to New Guinea in November, 1943. His wife enlisted January 5 of this year. Her basic training was taken at Ft. Oglethorpe. She spent four weeks working in Baltimore, then volunteered for overseas, so back to Oglethorpe for more training in preparation.



Truman King, Jr.

C. G. Sandford, Jr.

William Bond

Robert Deetz, Sr.

Bruce Miller

Llewellyn Remaley

THE ARMY ON THE HOME LOAM

"God Bless America, Land That We Love"



★ *George Sandoe, Jr.*, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Sandoe, West Spruce Street, is in California with an infantry unit. He left trade school to go to war and hopes to take up the mechanic's trade when the conflict is over. He is a Holy Trinity member.

★ Of *Amandus Schaffer*, whose picture is reproduced in this issue, Stars has no other information than that he is a member of Holy Trinity church, a former Sunshine Biscuit truck driver and the husband of the former Jean Smith, who lives with her daughter at 1927 West Broad Street. Where he is or what he is doing we do not know.

★ Another Bethlehemite in training with the Signal Corps is *Pvt. Robert P. Fisher*, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Fisher, 1021 Pawnee Street. He is a graduate of Fountain Hill Hi, class of '43 and entered the service in February of this year. His hobby is Art and he has done some very fine work, we are told.

★ Fort Monmouth, N. J., headquarters of the Signal Corps, is the address of *Pvt. Robert Bickle*, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bickle of 501 Fourth Ave. as this is written. Bob entered the service in January of 1943 and served as an M. P., patrolling Fairmount Park, Philadelphia, for nine months. He was then transferred to the AAF as an invasion cadet and trained at Greensboro, N. C., and later at Syracuse University, Syracuse, N. Y. While home on a leave he was taken suddenly ill. Now he's back on the job with the Signal Corps.

★ *Captain Amery Dunn*, we hear, is now in Staff and Command school at Ft. Benning, Ga. Captain Dunn graduated at Clemson college in June 1941 and entered the service almost immediately as a second lieutenant, going into the chemical warfare division. He spent much of his time in Alabama and the remainder in California. Upon his promotion to captain he was sent to Benning.

★ About the only thing Stars knows of *Pvt. George Resetco* is that he was transferred from an Infantry camp in Oregon to another in California and that he recently wrote to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Rosetco, 20 West Fourth Street, of having a swim in the Pacific ocean, an event he enjoyed although he found the water "rather rough." His folks remark that he doesn't say much about his activities except when he is on KP duty. For a while George was participating in an AST program in Chicago.

★ *Pfc. Frank Pfeiffer*, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Pfeiffer, 1447 Geissinger Street, is stationed at Camp Cooke, Calif. and wears the Good Conduct medal. A member of St. Stephen's Lutheran church, he has been in service 15 or more months.



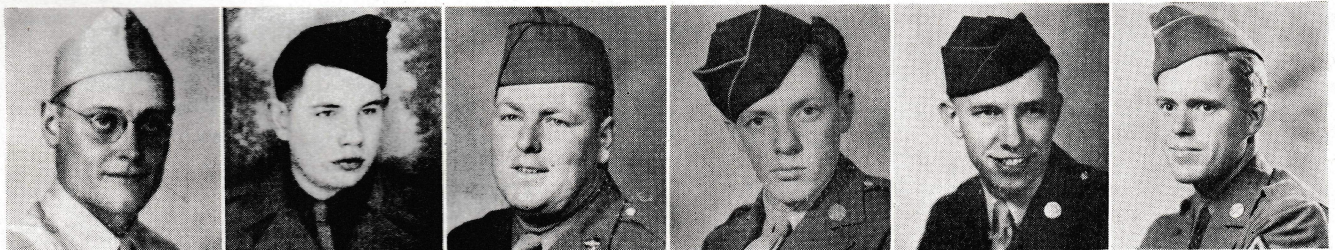
Luther C. Conant, Jr. Robert Fisher George Resetco Amery Dunn II

★ Latest information of *Cpl. Jack Koplín*, son of Mrs. Ruth Harter Koplín, 2115 Eaton Avenue, has him stationed at Camp Rucker, Ala., in Headquarters Co., radio and message center. He went into the Army March 29, 1943, took basic at Camp Blanding, Fla., and graduated there from radio school. In August he was sent to Camp Robinson, Ark., and on April 15 of this year was transferred to Rucker.

★ *S/Sgt. Luther C. Conant, Jr.*, recently was sent from his post with the Harbor Entrance control at Boston, Mass., to Virginia to study new developments in radio. There he has been assigned to teach a course, but he expected, at last reports, to be back in Boston some day.

★ *Pvt. George H. Cunningham* in the infantry is back in South Carolina, this time at Fort Jackson. He is one of the older men who is helping the new arrivals learn to be soldiers. He's glad to be back in the ranks after a long siege of hospitalization.

★ *Pvt. Kurt Schaedler* is taking his basic training in the field artillery at Fort Bragg, N. C. His talk of speed marches such as five miles in 40 minutes (!) may be old stuff to some of you "old" soldiers, but to us it sounds plenty fast. He also mentions that no matter where you stand in the camp you can see three chapel spires, the chapels are used, too.



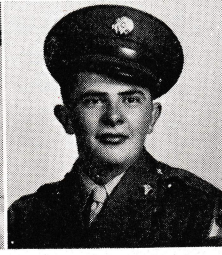
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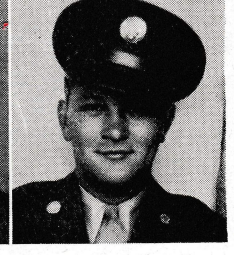
Charles Cashner



Robert Kilpatrick



Arthur Mann



Thomas Ritter

★ In training with the Signal Corps at Ft. Monmouth, N. J., is *Pfc. Earl H. Buss*, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Buss, Easton R. 3, who started his Army life February 26, 1943 at Camp Mackall, N. C., with the Airborne troops. He was sent to participate in the ASTP at North Carolina State college. Ft. Monmouth is his most recent assignment.

★ *Pvt. Kenneth Levan*, grandson and adopted son of Mr. and Mrs. Winslow Xander, 704 Pawnee St., is now at Ft. Knox, Ky., with the tank training group. Ken received his early training at Camp Campbell, Ky., after induction from his employment with Bethlehem Steel. He is a member of First Reformed church. An uncle, *Cpl. George Xander*, is at Kearns Field, Utah.

★ We have read of late in our press and heard daily over our radios stories of the thousands of members of the Airborne troop units whose great courage and skill enabled the Allied armies to gain their toehold, make it a foothold and finally to land an army complete to the minutest detail of equipment on French shores. One of these men in training is *Cpl. Richard Musnung*, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Musnung, Easton R. D. 3, who joined the Army April 6, 1943. He was stationed first at Camp Mackall, N. C., and later was sent to Ft. Sill, Okla. From there he went to Camp Forrest, Tenn., where he attained his present grade and a Good Conduct medal. So far as Stars knows, he is still at Forrest, although he may have been sent overseas.

★ *T/Sgt. Edward C. Mohn* is now in his fourth year with the armed forces and was, at last word to Stars, located at Ft. Brady, Mich., with the Military Police.

★ Another Medical detachment man is *Pfc. Charles H. Cashner*, last reported attached to an amphibian tractor battalion at Ft. Ord, Calif., to which place he was transferred from Camp Chaffee, Ark., where he had his basic training. Cashner is the son of Mrs. Anna Cashner, 1002 Cherokee Street, and entered the service May 4, 1944. He is a graduate of Liberty Hi, class of '43, and a member of Salem Lutheran church.

★ *Cpl. Xander* entered the Army September 7, 1942, and was trained first at Buckley Field, Denver, Colo. He attended automotive school at San Antonio, Texas, graduating there January 23, 1943. He was sent back to Colorado and then to Kearns, where he is with the Ordnance department.

★ An expert in gunnery and a specialist in radio operator mechanics is *Pvt. Robert J. Kilpatrick*, whose most recent address was Yuma, Ariz. His work is right up his alley, for he was employed by the Lehigh Valley Railroad in the telegraph department before he entered service and dots and dashes are duck soup. He is a Liberty Hi grad and was a member of the glee club. Induction came in August, '43, and he trained at Greensboro, N. C.

★ *Pfc. Thomas Ritter*, son of Mrs. Raymond Ritter, 51 Elizabeth Ave., is a "medic" with a Glider division and is stationed at Atlanta, Ga. He was given a special course at Lawson General Hospital, Atlanta, after completing basic training at Camp Grant, Ill. A graduate of Liberty Hi, he was inducted July, 1943.

★ *Pvt. Martin W. Lynn, Jr.* celebrated his birthday May 27, He is in the Quartermaster Corps at Camp Lee, Va. He's the son of Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Lynn, 1122 Maple Street, and a member of St. Matthew's Lutheran church.

★ Engaged in basic training at last report, *Pvt. John L. Jaxheimer, Jr.*, whose parents are Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Jaxheimer of 41 East Elizabeth Ave., is at Camp Wheeler, Ga., with the Infantry. He left his employment with Bethlehem Steel to enter the Army February 27. He's a Liberty Hi graduate and former grid team member.

★ *Pfc. Arthur F. Mann* is studying at the University of Pennsylvania for his degree in medicine. He's a member of the Medical Corps, a graduate of Liberty Hi and Lehigh University, where he completed four years in ROTC. Interested in music while at college, he played in the Little Symphony orchestra. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Mann, 146 West Broad Street and entered the army in July, 1943.

★ May 9 was the 21st birthday anniversary of *Cpl. Harold A. Dotterer*, member of an Engineer outfit as Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo. Cpl. Dotterer enjoyed a brief visit with his wife, Ethel, at her home, 743 Second Avenue. He entered the service in February, 1943, and his basic training was taken at Camp Swift, Texas.

★ Young *Dave Brillhart* is a Plebe no longer at United States Military Academy, West Point, having concluded his first year there.

★ *Robert Young* and *William Hursh* are attending Officer Candidate school at Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Aberdeen, Md. Robert had previously been in a unit at Wake Forest college, N. C., and Bill had been at Lehigh.

★ Recently home were *Lieut. and Mrs. Philip Rivers*. Phil is attached to a college training detachment at Murphreesboro, Tenn. He's not lost weight, we are told!



John Jaxheimer



Harold Dotterer



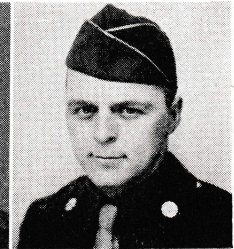
Kenneth Levan



George Xander



Richard Musnung



Edward Hoffman

THE MELTING POT

★ *S/Sgt. Norman Miller*, a radio instructor stationed at Reno, Nevada, has time on some weekends to go on skiing parties. One Sunday he says he took breath-taking pictures of snow-capped mountains around the Donar Pass while the others skied.

★ Of *Pvt. Clyde Kohl*, son of Mr. and Mrs. Royal Kohl, Sr., 1413 Courtland Street, Stars' latest word was that he had been confined to a hospital at Ft. Bragg, N. C. However, at the time it was reported he hoped to be about soon and we trust he is now up and doing. He's a member of Zion Evangelical and Reformed church and is one of four Kohl sons serving their country in uniform.

★ *Sgt. Robert H. Diehl, Jr.*, a member of College Hill Moravian church, celebrated his twenty-first birthday on May 13th, in the Hawaiian Islands. The son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Diehl, of 1426 High Street, he is a waist gunner on a Liberator bomber. He writes that the islands are as nice as song and verse advertise them.

★ *Pfc. Albert Nonnemaker*, of College Hill church, and son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Nonnemaker of 1111 North Main Street, in the Army overseas, is a dispatcher in the motor pool somewhere in the southwest Pacific. "The weather is nice and hot and it rains every day," he writes.

★ *Sgt. Johnny M. Mallory* is at present in England, where he has been since January. . . . Probably he is now occupying a grandstand seat in the big push. . . .

★ *Pfc. James A. Fraley*, a member of Grace Lutheran and formerly of the Treasury Department of the BSCo., is in West Africa in The Courier Transfer Office. If they had time clocks there he'd punch in early in the morning and out in the wee hours of the following day. He also mentions that he and a great many others find church attendance "the best morale builder ever."

★ *Lieut. Douglas Gordon* spent a short leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Gordon, in Bethlehem recently. He likes the South American countries a great deal and hopes to work there after the war, he says.

★ We learn that *William Gottschall* has become Sergeant Gottschall.

★ Two long years of jungle fighting ended a short time ago for *Pfc. Albert Yurock*, member of St. John Slovak Lutheran church, when he came home on furlough to see his

family and friends. He was a guest of the Sunday School and gave a brief talk, exhibiting many interesting curios for the young people.

★ Although we have not been apprised of the realization of his good fortune, *Richard W. Buck* expected to be commissioned a second lieutenant at O.C.S. at Aberdeen, Md., in July and we certainly hope the bars now adorn his collar. Dick's folks, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie H. Buck, live at Nazareth. He is married to the former Beatrice L. Snyder and Mrs. Buck, besides holding down a job, is busy with war work on the home front, among other things being engaged in Nurse Aide duty at St. Luke's hospital. She also holds the distinction of having been the Camera club's choice for Bethlehem's No. 1 Pin-up Girl. Dick was inducted from Lehigh University, where he was an advanced R.O.T.C. student. Friends in the congregation at Nativity Episcopal church are wishing him luck as he goes along. Stars joins in.

★ *S/Sgt. Harold Ruth*, a College Hill member, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Frank Ruth of Nazareth, has started his fourth year in the army, beginning April 19th. He is located in Wales and is trying to enjoy an additional training course "over there" instead of a long-desired trip to London.

★ A telegram to Mrs. Stephen Ruyak from her son, *Charles*, relates that he has been advanced to seaman first class and that he is in tip-top shape. It did not, however, give any indication of his whereabouts. Mrs. Ruyak lives at 626 Pierce Street. Charley will be remembered as a football player.

★ "*Corp. Harry F. Kurtz* has been getting the book (Stars) and passing it on to me. He is in the same company with me and I am also from Bethlehem," says *Cpl. Steven A. Danko*, in a letter from the South Pacific. Steve, member of SS. Cyril and Methodius church, would like to receive Stars himself, he says. (St. Cyril is not participating in the project). "Harold and I are in the Southwest Pacific. We have seen action on Bougainville, which was a very unpleasant place, as you probably know."

★ "The rainy season has been giving us consistent breaks lately rather than the two weeks of unbroken, continuous rain," says *Tommy Wehr* in a May communique from New Guinea. "We are now slowly warming again to the New Guinea 140 temp. sunshine and enjoying it(!) . . . Will be leaving this duty spot soon" — which eventually no doubt has come to pass.

IN THE ARMY TOGETHER



★ This smiling couple is **Harold and Eleanor Schook** (Mr. and Mrs., if you like), both in Uncle Sam's Army, Harold a medical assistant in a hospital in New Guinea, Eleanor a corporal in the WAC at Dale Mabry Field, Tallahassee, Fla. Harold has been in service almost two years. He spent six months at Camp Barkeley, Texas, then three months at Staging area, New Orleans, back to Barkeley for two months, then to Ft. Sill, Okla., for three more months. His hospital work consists of treating patients for minor ailments and assisting the medical officer. Most of the time he is in the wards. Eleanor is an instructor in 1st and 2nd Echelon maintenance and in charge of the office, class room and supplies of the Motor transport pool. She has six men and a girl working for her and has been at Mabry over a year and in the WAC about 18 months.

★ A wedding of interest to Freemansburg and Hellertown was that of *Miss Violet Uhler*, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Victor Uhler, New Street, Freemansburg, and *Pvt. Norman Frey*, son of Mr. and Mrs. George G. Frey, Hellertown. They were married June 25 by the Rev. Robert Krauss in the parsonage of Christ Lutheran church, Freemansburg.

★ *Sgt. Donald McCance* and his bride, the former *Paula Paulton* of St. Louis, came east in May for Don's brother *Edward's* wedding to *Geneva Hess* on the 20th of the month in Allentown. Don has been in the Finance office at Jefferson Barracks, Mo., for two years. However, he told friends he expected to move soon and may, by this time, have been transferred.

★ Make a note of the engagement of *Corp. Wilbur Hoffert* and *Miss Irene Gower*, recently announced by Miss Gower's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer J. Gower, 727 High Street. The corporal is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond H. Hoffert, Sr., 113 West Union Blvd. The two young people are Liberty Hi graduates, class of 1942 and Miss Gower attended Bethlehem Business college. Her fiance is presently at Buckley Field, Delaware Colo.



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