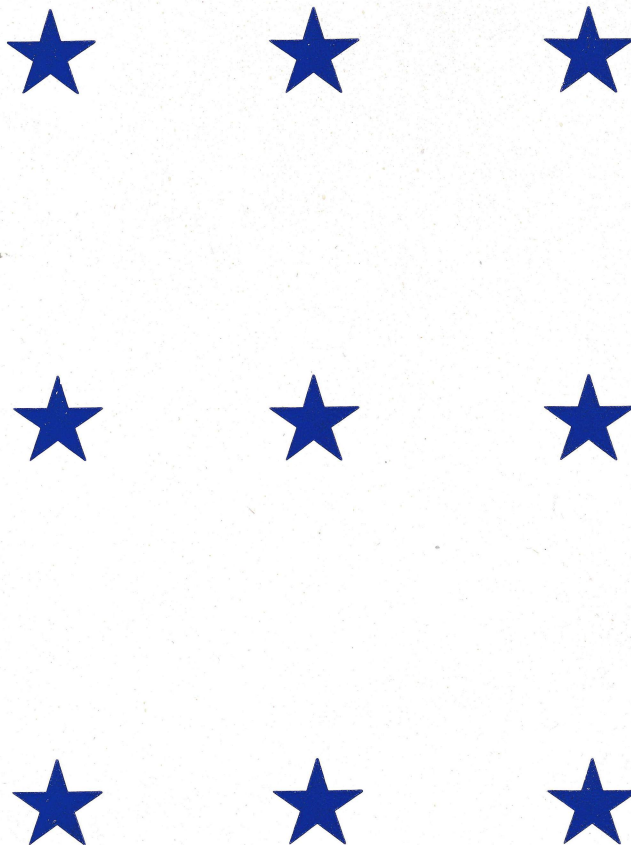


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STARS

IN THE SERVICE

JUNE, 1943

Family Album, or Generalities About Everything

★ Five sons of the congregation of St. Thomas' Lutheran and Reformed Church at Macada were inducted into the service April 24 and are now in their chosen branches of the armed forces. *David E. Evans*, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Evans, Pine Top Trail, is in the Air Corps; *Bertram C. Saeger*, son of Mr. and Mrs. Calvin P. Saeger, Bethlehem R. D. 4, is in the Army; *Ray R. Hess*, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Hess, 553 Dewberry Avenue, a paratrooper with a 100% to his credit on his examination for the service; *Tyron Saeger*, whose story appears under Navy At Home, and *Willard Hess*, son of Mr. and Mrs. Preston Hess, 1711 Linden Street, Army.

★ Recent members of Central Moravian to join the services are *Ray Haldeman*, *Walter Kessler*, *Robert Geiger* (making two Geigers in service, *Richard* in the Air Force and *Robert* in the Navy), *Mary Jane Faust* in the WAVES, and *Leonard J. Luckenbach*.

★ *Salem Lutheran*, too, boasts nine sets of brothers and sisters in the services. The former are *Harold* and *Truman Ziegenfuss*; *Howard* and *Robert Breisch*, *Walter* and *Wilbur Hoffert*, *Milton* and *Richard Klase*, *Herman* and *Wilbur Sigmon*, *Marvin* and *Harold Grodwohl*, *William* and *Neal Gieske*, *Raymond* and *Richard Keim*, *George* and *Paul Prokop*. Brothers and sisters are *Doris* and *Charles Schantz* and *Frances* and *William Reichl*.

★ St. Paul's Evangelical and Reformed Church bid farewell to six of its sons on Good Friday and in tribute to their patriotism the pastor, the Rev. Chester L. Brachman, held special Communion. The sextet was *Walter Creitz, jr.*, *William Gottschall*, *William Heimbrook*, *James Wright*, *Allen Kemmerer* and *Truman King*.

★ Sometime later a card was received from *Walter Creitz* stating that all but "Tiny" *Kemmerer* had arrived at a new camp in Greensboro, N. C. "Tiny," who stands five feet five and one half inches tall and tips the beam at 250 pounds, had no duds. Uncle Sam had to order his uniforms to be constructed especially for him and meanwhile "Tiny" had naught but his trousers to wear, for he had sent all his clothes home! If we had an army like him the Germans would be "scared out of their pants" and maybe he could find a pair to fit.

★ Another note on the boys at St. Paul's says that the congregation now has 29 in service, the pastor learning during the Easter season that *Elwood Krier* is somewhere in Australia and *Lee Gangwere* has joined the Marines. Two soldiers were received into membership in the church, *Pfc. Donald Shellenberger* and *Pfc. Lawrence Anthes*.

★ Forty-four stars are on the service flag which hangs in St. Thomas' Lutheran and Reformed Church, Altonah. The flag, gift of *Mrs. Laura Dilliard*, was dedicated with appropriate ceremonies on Sunday evening, May 9. The address was made by Judge *William G. Barthold*, of Northampton County, and the Rev. *H. J. Ehret*, Lutheran pastor, read the names of the men from the union congregations who are now serving their country in uniform.

★ Judge *Barthold* took as his topic the Christian Religion and its importance in relation to the service man.

He pointed out that faith is justified by the witness of such men as *Rickenbacker* and the hundreds of others who, when with no other resource left but prayer, turned instinctively to God for succor and were not abandoned.

★ *Raymond Peacock*, S 2/c, delighted his mother, *Mrs. Ernest Peacock*, 1434 Cortland Street, on Mother's Day by sending her, via telegraph, a beautiful bouquet of snapdragons and carnations. The flowers were sent through the "servicemen's telegraph service."

★ *Tech. Sgt. and Mrs. James Clause* were home from *Barksdale Field, La.*, for the Easter weekend. *Sgt. Clause* is in the finance division and thus is able to put to good use the experience gained at the *Union Bank and Trust Company*.

★ The *George H. Beck* family (*Helen McClenaghan*) are at the *Rome, N. Y.*, Air Depot. *George* has recently been promoted to the rank of major.

Flowers Bedeck Altars at Eastertide

Bethlehem churchgoers read with joy of the ringing of the Easter bells throughout Britain for the first time since they were hushed when Mars, god of war, invaded their peaceful towns and villages, their cities and rural communities. There was, perhaps, a deeper thanksgiving in Bethlehem's own celebration of this greatest of all Christian Church festivals, the rejoicing over the Risen Christ proclaimed anew by the bells of Bethlehem reverberating from every belfry. In every church flowers bedecked the altars, choirs sang with transcendent fervor and the resurrection was preached from every pulpit. Stars has the pleasure of reproducing here the photograph taken by a member of St. Paul's Evangelical and Reformed Church of the altar and chancel flowers which decorated the church for Easter. The pastor, the Rev. Chester L. Brachman, a good friend of Stars, brought some news around to the editor one evening and by chance took this picture from his wallet to show us. It seemed so appropriate that we asked permission to use it—and here it is.

ST. PAUL'S REJOICES IN THE RISEN CHRIST



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

The Scripture Reading

as chosen for Stars by

THE REV. J. HOWARD WORTH,
D.D.,

*Pastor of Grace Evangelical
Lutheran Church*

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Hebrews

Chapter 12, Verses 1 to 6, 11

1. Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us,

2. Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

3. For consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds.

4. Ye have not yet resisted unto blood, striving against sin.

5. And ye have forgotten the exhortation which speaketh unto you as unto children, My son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of him:

6. For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth.

11. Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby.

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LET US PRAY

*A Prayer for our men
and women in Service*

Contributed by the Rev. John R. Wasser,
pastor of
Emmanuel-Congregational Church

FATHER in heaven, whose hand hath made us, whose arm protects us, whose heart enfolds us, we come to thee. We have loved our boys and girls, now in the uniform of national service. Forgive us if we have not cared enough for them to lead them to thee. And now that they face the perils of war do thou be their strong Deliverer, the Champion of their holy desires, the Defender of their embattled faith. Let the Spirit of Christ be welcomed in their hearts and His presence enable them to triumph over all evil. Redeem us all for thy name's sake. Amen.

A MESSAGE by Rev. Paul Strauch, Pastor of the Lower Saucon Charge, Evangelical and Reformed Church, for "Stars in the Service"

THE TEXT:—"Let no man despise your youth."—(I Timothy 4:12)

THE MESSAGE:—The older generation has had a nasty habit of despising and looking down upon young people. From the exalted position of greater years they have discredited the action and ambitions of young folks. They have failed to note that mature years have not always assured mature judgments. It must have always been thus, for St. Paul wrote to his young Christian Friend, Timothy, "Let no man despise your youth." And the same words can be addressed to you young people who are in the service.

If you don't want older people to despise your youth there are two ways of going about preventing it. You can insist upon it, by argument and verbal claims. Or, you can, by your action and ideals, prove yourself worthy of the honor and esteem of others. Of course, the second way is the wisest and best way.

You have made a good start in gaining the respect and honor and esteem of your elders by virtue of your position as "Stars in The Service" of your country. You can do still more. You can by your deeds, ideals and attitudes help to make the kind of a world Jesus had in mind when he prayed, "Thy Kingdom come,"—the kind of world which will tend to make men good and where we will be delivered from the evils of war.

The gift of youth which is yours is not a handicap, but your greatest possession. So use it that no man will want to despise you. Glenn Cunningham has the distinction of having run the fastest mile on record, in four minutes, four and four-tenths seconds. Yet in boyhood he was crippled in a schoolhouse fire. The doctor said he would never walk again. He began walking by following a plow across the fields, leaning on it for support; and then went on to tireless experimentation to see what he could do with his legs, until he broke all records for his race. It isn't the gift a fellow has that matters so much, but what he does with the gift that is his.

Let no man despise your youth, not because you insist on it, but because you are worthy.

LAST TAPS

★ Reported missing "somewhere in the European theatre of war" last February, *Lieut. John L. Mackey*, U. S. Airforce, has been officially listed as dead by the War Department. Word of his passing on April 2 was sent through the German Government via the Red Cross, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Mackey, 633 Seventh Avenue, notified.

★ The young airman was a member of Nativity Episcopal congregation and an alumnus, class of '40, of Moravian College. The campus flag was at half mast on June 3 and a brief memorial service held in tribute to his gallant death. Prof. Samuel Zeller offered a eulogy and prayer.

★ "Stars" joins the community in mourning the death of *Lieut. Mackey* and extends sympathy to his family, and to that of *Pfc. Louis Grabar*, whose death in North Africa is also noted here.

★ Again the congregation of St. John's Windish Lutheran Church mourns one of its sons—*Pfc. Louis Grabar*, U. S. Army, killed in action in North Africa on April 2nd. The

first gold star on the church's service flag was placed there for *Pvt. Stephen Ritoper*, killed in action in February.

★ *Dr. E. A. Stiegler*, pastor, officiated at both English and Windish Memorial services for *Grabar* Sunday, May 2, using as his text the first words of the resurrected Christ: "Peace be with you."

★ At the 11 a.m. services *Thomas F. Joyce*, commander of the *Harry F. W. Johnson* Post, American Legion, placed the Gold Star on the service flag while the post bugler sounded "Taps." Many members of the Legion unit were present at the service.

★ *Pvt. Grabar* was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Grabar, 541 Hillside Avenue.

"Son, my son,
In the deep earth
We softly laid thee
In a chief's robe,
In a warrior's gear.
Surely there,
In the spirit land
Thy deeds attend thee!"

—(From "Lament of a Man for His Son," translated from the *Paiute Indian* by *Mary Austin*.)

ARMY ROSE BLOOMS BETWEEN TWO ARMY THORNS

PEOPLE TELL US

By Carroll Cool

Pfc. Ted. C. Oswald, who was sworn into the army two weeks after his enlistment, has received his first-class promotion, according to a telephone message received by his parents, April 30. Ted attended Eccles College of Embalming in Philadelphia where he graduated last September.

"This war is an awful thing," said his parents, "but we must all sacrifice for victory." Mr. Oswald says he has invested over ten percent of his income in war bonds.

. . . And speaking of bonds, the Franklin Junior High School has far exceeded the eighty-five hundred dollar mark. Who says our schools aren't doing their part?

Corp. Harold Strawn, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ambrose Strawn of Bethlehem, enlisted in the Air Corps one week before Pearl Harbor, and now is in active combat service somewhere overseas.

Pvt. Robert Koch, now serving with the Army at Camp Shelby, Miss., married during a recent furlough Fanny Masteller of Bethlehem. Best wishes go to the newlyweds.

Word comes to us that Fred Smith of Bethlehem was accepted in the Sea-Bees, construction battalion, during the recent visit of the Navy Recruiting Trailer to this city.

Pvt. James Bartholomew is now stationed with the infantry at Camp Eustace, Ga. Recently he spent a furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Derr, of Bethlehem.

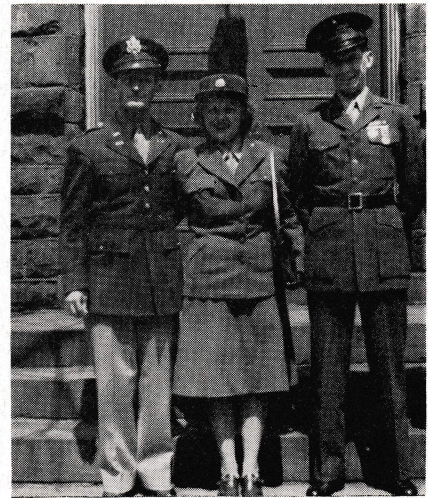
"Our memorials will not bring back our dead, but our inevitable Victory will glorify their deeds. Buy Bonds! Remember, they give their lives; we lend our dollars."

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FRITZ MEMORIAL WELCOMES TRIO AT EASTER SERVICE

★2nd Lieutenant John W. Dennis, Pfc. Robert Landrock, Pvt. Bruce Hagey, Pfc. Don Hagey and Aux. F. C. Dot Kunkle spent the Easter season with their parents and attended services at Fritz Church. They looked so nice in their trim uniforms that friends couldn't resist asking them to pose for their picture, and "Stars" benefits, for we have a dandy Lieut. Dennis, Aux. Kunkle and Pfc. Landrock in a group, another of Pfc. Charles Hagey and still another of Pvt. Don Hagey and his fiance, Catherine Bergey of Hellertown.



"Watch the birdie!"

Rollers.' I set them straight right off . . . I was talking to a fellow who is a cousin of the Bishops in our church (Central Moravian); his name is Brewer. He would like to hear from the Bishop boys and what they are doing."

★ Corp. Raymond Grube writes from somewhere in Tennessee: Right now I have the beautiful Easter services on my mind, with the fine music presented by our various organizations in Bethlehem . . . I am out on maneuvers now in charge of radio car and equipment . . . Most of the people who ask me, 'What is your church?' have not heard of Moravians and think we are like Mormons or 'Holy

SARTORIAL PERFECTION

★ Just to show what the well-dressed soldier is wearing, here is a picture of Corp. John B. "Jack" Terris in full regalia—tin hat, pack, gaiters, rifle, etc. Jack is in Georgia at Daniel Field, near Augusta and he sends the picture to "Stars" himself, together with a letter acknowledging receipt of copies of the first two issues. Says he, "it sure is a swell idea. It gives the boys a lift to know who else is in the service and where they are."

★ Corp Terris is full of praise for his outfit and says that he and his comrades are working hard "but like it."



A REMINDER

Please, you fellows and girls who receive "Stars," when you write to the editor mention your church connection, especially if you have a change of address. It is vital that we know to what church you belong as the churches are supplying us with your names and helping make it possible to send you the magazine. If you have a buddy who wants to receive "Stars," let us know, and tell us what church he belongs to, also. It may be his is not participating in the program.

In addition to last issue's list of co-operators we have these: Wesley and Fritz Memorial Methodist, Olivet Evangelical, Edgeboro Moravian, St. John's Slovak Lutheran, St. Thomas Lutheran and Reformed at Macada.

DECLARATION

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MEDICINE TAKES TO THE AIR TO RELIEVE SUFFERING

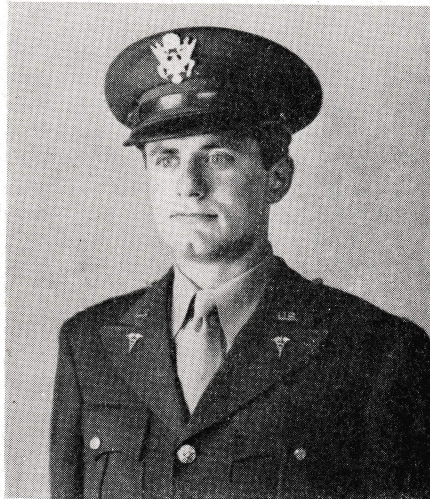
FLYING SURGEONS

THEIR SKILL AND DEVOTION IS RICHLY REWARDED

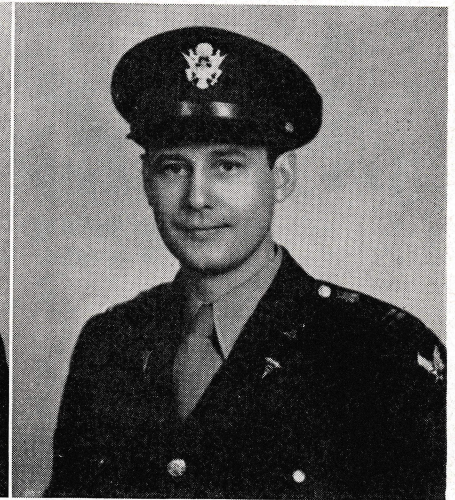
★ The idea of sewing up a soldier's wounds while speeding through the clouds at 300 miles per hour is one that would give the old-timers something to mumble over. Nonetheless, hundreds of alert young medical men are skimming the air attending to injured comrades of every service. Among these is *Captain George S. Boyer*, a flight surgeon now on duty somewhere in the Middle East.

★ Captain Boyer, son of Mrs. Frank S. Boyer and the late Dr. Boyer, 318 West Packer Avenue, is a Muhlenberg pre-med. man and a graduate in medicine at Temple University School of Medicine. He interned at the Allentown Hospital, was inducted August 1, 1942, and sent to Carlisle Barracks. He was transferred to Louisville, Ky., to Randolph Field, San Antonio, Texas, Nashville, Tenn., and Victorville, Calif. Now he is giving hundreds of his fellow countrymen the benefit of his skill and training. Captain Boyer received his two bars April 8. "Stars" extends best wishes for success in your chosen field, Captain Boyer.

★ Bethlehem can boast two flight surgeons, because we introduce here *Captain David O. Helms*, to stand



Capt. George S. Boyer



Capt. David O. Helms

beside *Captain George S. Boyer*, so to speak. Captain Boyer, as already related, is overseas while Captain Helms is stationed at Spence Field, Moultrie, Ga.

★ Captain Helms only recently received his two bars. He entered the service April 1, 1942, at the Hawthorne School of Aeronautics, Orangeburg, N. C. In August he left for Randolph Field, Texas, for a course in the school of aviation medicine. Son

of Mr. and Mrs. V. L. Helms, 1332 West Broad Street, he is a graduate of Liberty High, Muhlenberg College and Jefferson Medical College. After interning at St. Luke's Hospital he practiced medicine for four years at Pocahontas, Va. In 1941 he studied tropical medicine at Tulane University, Tulane, La.

★ Mrs. Helms, the former Gertrude Moll, and their two children are living with him in Georgia.

SKY PILOTS ANSWER CALL TO SERVE



IN HOC SIGNO VINCES

★ The spiritual welfare of the American troops is getting better care in this war than in any previous conflict, it is reported, and assisting with the good work is *Lieut. Frank Reynolds*, chaplain, U. S. Army, now stationed in Hawaii. Chaplain Reynolds is a graduate of Franklin and Marshall College, class of 1940, at which time he accepted a call to a charge in Rochester, N. Y. However, when Uncle Sam asked for chaplains, he responded "Here am I," and enlisted in August of 1942. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Israel Reynolds, 1112 Maple Street.

★ *Chaplain Lieutenant Dean Stevenson*, former assistant minister at Nativity Episcopal church, who is stationed at Camp White, Oregon, is really enjoying his life with the Army. He trains hard, sleeps in a tent and, from his looks in a recent picture, appears as if he may survive. He seems the picture of health.

★ When the call of the Army for chaplains to guide and guard our soldiers in the midst of the strife in which they are now engaged was heard, many young men of the cloth laid down the work they had begun in civilian fields to don the uniform and take their places beside the fighting men. Among those from this area to answer the call is the *Rev. Israel A. S. Yost*, former pastor of St. John's



Evangelical Lutheran Church, Farmersville, and Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Hecktown.

★ Chaplain Lieutenant Yost received his commission after taking basic training at the Chaplain's School, Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass. He is at present stationed at Camp Davis, N. C. A graduate magna cum laude at Muhlenberg College in 1937, and from the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Mt. Airy in May, 1940, he accepted the call to the Hecktown-Farmersville charge in September, 1940, and served this, his first parish, until February 1, 1943.

★ Chaplain Yost telegraphed the following message:

"Truly great men know how to humble themselves and ask the Lord God's help — Washington knelt in prayer at Valley Forge; MacArthur requested the prayers of his home church; General Dobbie of Malta confessed publicly his reliance upon God, and many lads in the ranks have learned to kneel and pray—such are the truly great. Father, may we learn to pause in prayer so we may feel thy strong arm bared to aid us children here. Through Christ our Lord. Amen."



THE NAVY IN HOME WATERS

"Fleet's In — Every Man For Himself"

★ The many friends of *Lieut. (j.g.) Edwin Miller, U.S.N.R.*, who recently was called home from his post at Navy Section Base, Key West, Fla., because of the serious illness of Mrs. Miller, will be happy to learn that she is greatly improved.

★ Advanced on May 1 to chief petty officer, second class, in the Naval Medical Corps, *Thomas E. Wehr* has been transferred from Great Lake's Naval Hospital to Crane, Ind., N. A. D., where he is on recruiting duty. He entered the service April 17, 1942, and was at Great Lake's until his present shift.



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★ *Charles Rahmer, SP (S 1/c), U. S. N. R.*, is still stationed at Harrisburg. He's a former member of the motorcycle squad of the Bethlehem police force and his friends miss his familiar cheerful countenance.

★ *William E. "Bill" John*, who began his career in baseball when he was 13, is at Great Lakes Naval Training Station, Great Lakes, Ill., and is getting ready to put some hot ones over the plate for the Axis boys to hit at and strike out. When Bill went in for baseball he started as second baseman, but three years later he started to pitch and when he got into Liberty High he became the hurler for the Hurricane nine. After leaving school he played with the Wagnersville team in the Catholic League and in 1942 was leading pitcher in the league, with 13 wins and two losses. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Winfield John of Wagnersville and recently completed his boot training and has signed up for submarine duty.

★ Maybe there's a place on ship-board where they keep the bass horn. We hope so, because *Tryon Saeger*,

now at Sampson Naval Training Center, is "hot" on the basso-profundo. He's skilled on the Sousaphone, too, and held first chair in that instrument in the Liberty High Band. 'Tis said he hopes to keep on tooting now he's in the Navy. Tryon is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Saeger, 1811 Linden Street, and formerly an active Sunday School and church worker at St. Thomas, Altonah.

★ *Richard Sherry, S 2/c*, is attending radio school at Sampson, N. Y.

★ *Willard Jewell*, petty officer third class, U.S.N.R., is in Alameda, Calif. He joined up in March, 1942, and received his preliminary training at Newport, R. I. He was sent to radio school at Bedford Springs, Pa., one of the oldest Spas (health resorts) in the country. Upon completion of his course there he received his present rating and was sent to Jackson-

five weeks. From Boston he will proceed to Florida and then to California.

★ *Gordon Speck* is at Sampson Naval Training Station, Sampson, N. Y., being converted from a landlubber to a sea-going fore-and-aft schooner with clipper bows and an arsenal in the fo'c'sle. Well anyway, he'll come out a top-flight seaman.

★ *Lieut. Oliver D. Finnigan* has recently been advanced to Lieutenant Commander in the United States Navy.

★ *Robert Scheetz, S 1/c*, has finished his training at the New London, Conn., submarine base and is somewhere on the West Coast.

★ *J. Richard Scheetz*, petty officer third class, is training at San Diego, Calif.

★ *Comm. W. D. Greetham*, former popular Sea Scout here in Bethlehem, has been advanced by the Navy to the rank of Captain. He is on duty in Washington, D. C.

★ *Lieut. (j.g.) Frederick W. Shick*, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Shick, has been advanced to the rank of full lieutenant in the Navy. He is stationed in Washington, D. C.

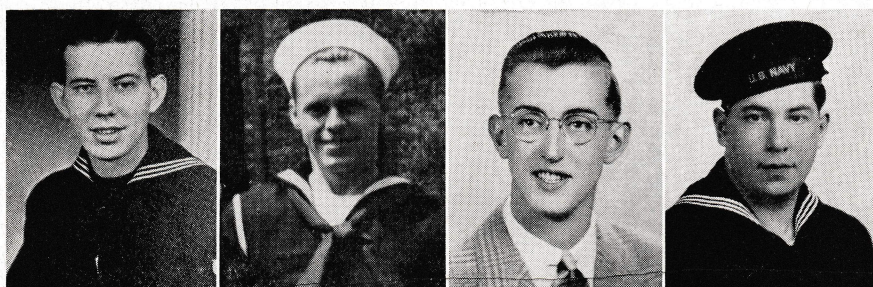
★ His basic training completed, *Harold Long, AS.*, is now stationed at Bainbridge, Md., set for a go against the Axis. "Longy," like Bill John, was quite a ballplayer before he enlisted and he's a sure bet for a double play against the Hitler boys. He recently spent a nine-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Long, 224 Green Street, Freemansburg.

★ He's a top-notch at the console for he served as organist and pianist for the Liberty High orchestra and is a graduate of New York's famed Julliard School of Music. Before entering the Navy he was a teacher of music at Scarsdale, N. Y., high school and was organist for the Presbyterian Church in White Plains. He enlisted December 22, 1942 as a chaplain's assistant. Is it Bach or boogie-woogie, chum, or both?

ville, Fla., and then to Alameda. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James E. Toner, 1206 Linden Street.

★ On duty at the State Capitol in Harrisburg, *Yeoman Third Class Robert Wartman* manages to keep himself usefully occupied. A former Bethlehem Steel worker, he is the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. F. T. Wartman, 43 East Elizabeth Avenue.

★ *Lieut. (j.g.) William Green, U. S. N. R.*, former member of the faculty at Liberty High School, enjoyed a furlough home in the early part of May. He is now at Boston, Mass., where he is expected to remain for



Wehr

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THE NAVY AT SEA

"All Hands To Battle Stations"

★ The Navy certainly must feed its boys well, for whoever saw a sailor looking underfed and glum? Certainly *Wilfred "Buddy" Kramer* wears a grin a mile wide. Stationed aboard ship in New York area, Seaman Kramer has seen considerable service since he was sworn in last November 24. He signed up on the 18th. He was employed by the Bethlehem Steel

Milan Joseph Daniel. Lieut. Daniel is on duty somewhere in the New Zealand-Solomons area and it is said he recently spent a week in the former beautiful land studying the local flora (blonde or redhead?) and fauna (wild life, huh?).

★ Most of us, when our birthdays roll 'round, think of getting home to Mama and cutting the big cake with



greatest "sports" of the present conflict—hunting subs on convoy duty in the Atlantic. Well, it may be sport to some, but to us landlubbers it sounds like a mighty wet business. Anyway, Seaman Coleman signed up with the Navy December 16, 1941, and just recently got his first class rating. He trained at Newport, R. I., among the Vanderbilts and Astors(?) and then was sent to Boston, home of "the bean and the cod," where he was assigned to convoy duty. He attended Brough Junior High, Technical High and was an employee of R. K. Laros and of the McCrory store. He is a sports lover, we said, and of them all he likes baseball best, having been captain of his nine. He's the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph J. Coleman, 228 Columbia Street.

★ "A sailor's life is bold and free" runs the verse of the old song and no doubt *Carl F. Wagner III, S 2/c*, is finding plenty of both as he bobs up



Daniel

Wolle

Coleman

Kelper

Co. and when he went into the Navy was sent to Richmond, Va., where he graduated from Diesel school. He's a graduate of Bethlehem High and a member of Zion Reformed Church.

★ "Most of the people here are French, and if you can speak their language you can get along real well with them, for they are very friendly," writes *Raymond H. Abel, SK 3/c*, from somewhere in North Africa where he is attached to a ship's company. He adds that some of the boys have "been invited out to dinner." Experiences such as Abel and his comrades are undergoing will be something to talk about when peace returns. Abel enlisted November 9, 1942, trained at Bainbridge, Md., and was assigned to sea duty. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Abel, 135 East Garrison Street, a graduate of Bethlehem High, '40, Bethlehem Business College '42, and a former employe of the Steel company. He is a member of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church.

★ Pastor John Daniel of St. John Slovak Lutheran Church boasts a brother in the U. S. Navy, *Lieut.*

white icing and pink candles, but *Leon C. Quier, Rdm. 3/c*, celebrated his anniversary on the high seas with the combers spilling green on the decks. He was just 18 that day. Leon, son of Mrs. Mae Quier, Hellertown R. D. 1, was promoted March 1 to third class petty officer. He enlisted in the Navy April 29, 1942, and was



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sent to Newport, R. I. He was afterwards assigned to a destroyer and since has had his ups and downs on several voyages across the "Big Pond." He's an ex-Hellertown High student.

★ Just a sports lover at heart, *Johnny J. Coleman*, seaman first class, is reported to be enjoying one of the

and down on the old Atlantic. Carl is the son of Mrs. Irene Wagner. He enlisted September 18, 1942, and trained at Great Lakes. Once a full-fledged sailor, he was sent to Norfolk, Va., which is now his home port.

★ *Ensign Henry Schweitzer*, on destroyer service in the Pacific area, has had the satisfaction of helping put a Jap destroyer where it belongs—on the bottom half of the ocean. It was a tough scrap, he wrote home, but the result was well worth the battle.

★ *Ensign James D. Mack, U.S.N.R.*, is at present in a plaster cast, the result of a bit of a fall on board his ship at sea. He is recuperating at this time in the Naval Hospital, Portsmouth, N. H., and would not feel badly if his friends wrote to him.



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Wagner

NAVY AT SEA---Continued

★ Cruising on the keyboard of an organ is about as near as *Harold J. Weiss, S.P.C. (W) 1/c*, who, as a chaplain's assistant, has been serving as organist in the training camp chapels, gets to the sea. Until recently he was stationed at the U. S. N. Training Station at Bainbridge, Md., but has been shifted to a new post.

★ *George T. Wolle, yeoman 2/c*, is one of those fellows who really go down to the sea in ships. He's in the submarine service somewhere in the Australian theatre of conflict. Yeoman Wolle is the son of Walter E. Wolle, 429 West Broad Street. He attended Liberty High, worked for the A & P on West Broad, was a member of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church and enlisted in the Navy July 26, 1940. Good hunting, George.

★ Reported missing in action is *Fredrick Szoke, S 1/c, 18*, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Szoke, 226 East Columbia Street. The War Department conveyed the information to Mr. and Mrs. Szoke. Seaman Szoke was a junior at Broughal Junior High School when he enlisted in the U. S. Navy May 12, 1942. He trained first at Newport, R. I. and later completed a course in navy gunnery at Little Creek, Va. His parents last heard from him on March 26, when he wrote to them from Canada, the postmark on his letter indicating that it was mailed there.

★ Somewhere in the Atlantic area with the Amphibious Force, *Ensign Charles Redline* is experiencing the kind of thrills every kid dreams about when he sails his wooden boats and drills his toy soldiers and imagines himself surrounded by fearsome foes. It's a far cry from pharmacist in a peaceful drug store to duty with the rip-snorthing Amphibians, but we gather that Charlie likes it.

★ He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Claude S. Redline, 819 Tombler Street, Fountain Hill, and is a graduate of Liberty High and the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and Science. He enlisted in the U.S.N.R. in 1940 and was called for duty March 1, 1941. Until October 1 of the same year he was on duty in the pharmacy of the U. S. Naval hospital at Philadelphia, when he went into training in the Naval Officers' Reserve at Notre Dame University. A former employe of the Dennis Drug Co. in the Main Street store, he is a member of St. Peter's Lutheran Church. "Stars" announced his engagement in the last issue to Miss Marion Muhr.

★ A Sea-Bee at a strategic spot is *Leonard R. Reposh*, son of Frank

Reposh, 601 Lechaweki Avenue. Leonard is at Dutch Harbor, Alaska, where he has been since he completed his six weeks of basic training following his enlistment in April, 1942. He had been employed as a rigger by the Bethlehem Steel Co. after he graduated at Liberty High in 1938 and prior to his enlistment was working for a construction firm in Bermuda.

★ *Lt. (j.g.) Vivian H. Moses*, whom "Stars" has mentioned before, has a good word to say for the island where he is stationed, which is "exceedingly lovely" (he's in the Hawaiian area). He adds, "There is a fine bunch of young officers ashore and afloat and we manage to have a lot of fun . . . I have a converted yacht of fairly nice size and a good crew of twenty men. We all have lots of fun at our work. Occasionally I get a little fishing during the day. I caught a 75-pound Tuna—the record. I've hooked two sailfish, but lost both."

★ Twenty-two men from Fritz Memorial Methodist Church are serving the Stars and Stripes and of that number *Chief Quartermaster William R. Reisch, U.S.N.*, has seen the most years in service. In fact, few men in Bethlehem have been in Uncle Sam's uniform as long. Twenty-six years on February 7, last, has Quartermaster Reisch been in the Navy. Most people will remember him as the recruiting officer at the Allentown postoffice, but he has seen plenty of sea duty and was at Casablanca when the new AEF went ashore in the face of French resistance and started the ball rolling that has ended in victory at Bizerte for the Franco-American forces and at Tunis for the gallant British Tommies. Mrs. Reisch spent Easter with her husband in Boston, Mass.

★ Like the famous "Wild Man of Borneo" who was "found on a floating cake of ice forty miles from sea," *Dick S. Keiper, R.M. 3/c*, is reported "somewhere in Africa." Is he piloting a ship of the desert (camel to you!) with Abdul the Bulbul Amir as supercargo? Dick is really going places. He enlisted in the Naval Reserve and embarked for basic training at Naval Training Station, Great Lakes, Ill., April 16, 1942. After his basic training was completed he was selected to enter the University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wis., to take up radio work. He graduated with honors in September of 1942 and was stationed at Norfolk, Va., for several months. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Russell E. Keiper, Bethlehem R. D. 1.

BULLETIN

HOME FOLKS, PLEASE NOTE

Please take note, all you who wish to assist in making "Stars" a success and in helping the editor and his volunteer staff put out an attractive, successful magazine, one which you and our service men may be proud of:

Keep your pastor or church service committee up-to-date on new addresses of those in service from your family.

When you submit pictures, send only those that are clear, no shadows over the eyes, in uniform when possible; avoid tinted photographs. Do NOT send negatives or proofs.

News should be clearly written (typewriter if possible), should identify the subject by his family, church, full name, branch of service, rank and other pertinent facts. Write on one side of the paper. Be concise. Excerpts from letters are preferable to sending the entire letter. Consult the person in charge of reporting for "Stars" in your congregation for other details.

News for the August issue is due not later than July 10. Pictures, also, must be turned in by then.

THE MELTING POT

★ Here's one from *Pfc. Arlan Klase, U.S.M.C.*, who thinks the Marines are a "swell outfit." "It is also a tough outfit," he says, "If you don't believe me, ask the Japs. I just came off sea duty. We were on a 'business trip.'"

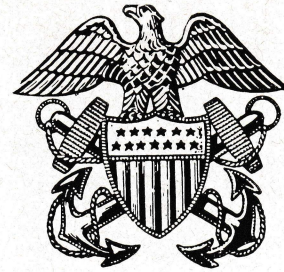
★ To *Donald Love* "Stars" says "many thanks" for the contribution." It wasn't necessary but the thought is swell. If everyone on the home-front would ante up a buck we could put out a whale of a magazine. Yours went into the pot. Don says, "there are two other boys from Bethlehem here at W & B, Edward J. Toggart, of Christian Street, and Frank Ve-hafric, of Ontario Street."

★ Awaiting orders at Nashville, Tenn., *Sumner Bossler, Jr.*, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Bossler, 621 Fifth Avenue, is ready for flight training.

★ Still learning the fundamentals of the service is *Pvt. Raymond T. Strahlo*, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. Strahlo, 1117 Stanley Avenue, who has been in the service since February 3.

WITH THE LEATHERNECKS

"We Fight Our Country's Battles"



★ Four young men from the congregation of St. John's Slovak Lutheran Church are in the U. S. Marines, two are overseas and the other two preparing to go. *Pvt. Albert Yurack*, one of the first youths in the city to volunteer for duty with the Leathernecks, is somewhere in the Pacific area. He has been in two years.

★ Attached to the Marine Aviation detachment, *Pfc. Carl Tomanchik* gives his address in care of the Naval Air Station, San Diego, Calif. Away back in 1926 the old Red Star liner, Finland, one-time belle of the North Atlantic run, one-time trooper of World War I days and then a 16-day, three class New York to San Francisco liner smelling of bilge and new paint, anchored in San Diego harbor. Aboard was the pounder of this typewriter, adventure bound (yes, there was a girl in it!). Anyway, all eyes turned skyward as the anchor chains rattled in the hawse pipes for high in the blue a formation of six Navy seaplanes buzzed past, swooped and climbed and echeloned in for a landing. An unforgettable sight and a bright welcome to sunny California where so many of Uncle Sam's nephews are adventuring today.

★ Learning the intricacies of modern warfare at Camp LeJeune, New River, N. C., is *Corp John Yaniga*, son of Mrs. Anna Yaniga, Allentown.

★ Latest member of St. John's Slovak Lutheran Church to go into the Marine Corps is *Paul Kolesar*, who was sworn in April 19 and left shortly afterwards. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Kolesar, Jennings Street, and the popular former president of the Young People's Society of the church.

★ *James Gangwere*, now with the U.S.M.C. somewhere in the Pacific, has acknowledged receipt of a copy of the New Testament sent him by the Knights of St. Paul of the E & R church. He writes: "At the time you sent the Testament (Nov. 12, 1942) I

and the rest of my buddies were more in need of spiritual uplifting than it is possible to believe. Nevertheless, we came through with the grace of God, and we will do it again when called upon and with His help as before.

★ *Pvt. James Venninger* has left the country for overseas duty, sailing from the West Coast for parts unknown.

★ Down in beautiful Williamsburg, Va., with the U. S. Marines training in naval construction is *Sgt. Steward Smith*, grandson of Mr. and Mrs. A. Strawn, 1214 Maple Street. He joined up in May of 1942 and took his boot training at Parris Island, transferring from there to New River, N. C. He took a year of college at Lafayette and was a member of St. Paul's Reformed Sunday School.

★ A real veteran of service with the U. S. Marines, *Sgt. A. F. D. Bartholomew* has seen plenty of action in the past 15 years. A part of this period, in pre-war days, was spent in China. He is a Bethlehem man and his wife and two small sons reside here. *Sgt. Bartholomew* was in the Guadalcanal action and, when the Army took over early in the year, was transferred to another location where, he writes, "one gets up in the morning and puts on a sweat shirt and a fur jacket; by noon, in order to be comfortable, they must be discarded; then, by nine o'clock in the evening one is about to freeze all over again."

★ Getting along with the business of learning the trade as a Marine, *Pvt. Robert Ehr Gott*, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Ehr Gott, 158 Washington Avenue, is taking his basic training at Parris Island, S. C. He's a 1942 L. H. S. grad and was taken on by the Marines in April of this year. *Pvt. Ehr Gott* was active in St. Stephen's Luther League and in the church.

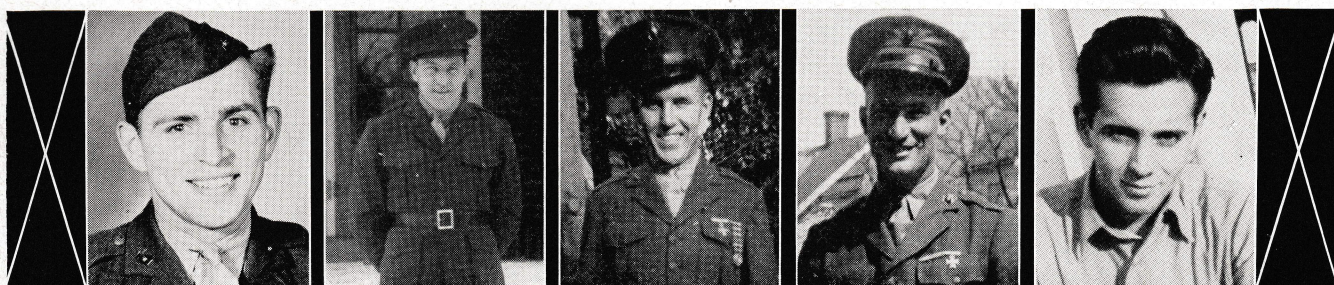
★ Also training at Parris Island is *Pvt. Edgar Thomas*, son of Mr. and

Mrs. John Thomas, 1419 High Street. A member of St. Stephen's and active in its Luther League, he was accepted for service with the Leathernecks in April, leaving his employment at the Bethlehem Steel Company to enlist.

★ It's no wonder the yappin' Japs don't have a chance when the Marines get the situation in hand, if all the Marines are as thoroughly trained in the gentle art of making war as *Corp. Clyde E. Gruver*, now somewhere in the Pacific war area. *Corp. Gruver*, with the courage of a true Devil Dog, married him a wife, Helen Sue Newburg, while in Chicago last April 4. A graduate of L. H. S., class of '41, he enlisted in the U. S. M. C. September 23 of the same year, was trained at Parris Island, S. C., becoming proficient in the four basic weapons. He was squad leader and qualified as a marksman with pistol and rifle and expert in bayonet as well as a hand grenadier.

★ From Parris Island *Corp. Gruver* went to Quantico, Va., and thence to the Naval Training school at Navy Pier, Chicago, where he was graduated in July of 1942 as a first class airplane machinist, holding the highest average in his class of 150 men. He was transferred to North Island, San Diego, Calif., and was a member of Wing Group 2 until February 8 of this year, when he was sent overseas.

★ Enjoying the added privileges which go with the rating of expert rifleman is *Pvt. Tom Horner*, son of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Horner. Tommy is at New River, N. C., in the radio school and attached to a signal battalion. Under his new rating he gets five dollars extra per month and is relieved of KP duties. Nice going, Tommy.



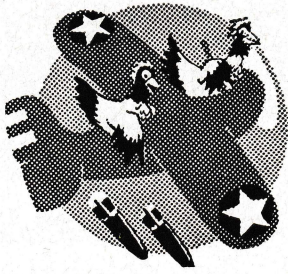
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NAVY IN THE AIR

HELLDIVERS IN ACTION

★ *Lieut. Commdr. Ward Shields*, presently stationed at San Diego, Calif., tells interestingly of his experiences over the past months in a letter to friends here. He says: "I had been back in San Diego about two weeks when I got orders in the middle of April last year to go to Hawaii. Had just one day's notice and left. I immediately started work on a run between Hawaii and Australia and New Zealand (got around, didn't he?) which duty I was having last summer. That went on for four months, during which time I made five trips to the South Pacific. It was tremendously interesting and I got to see what the South Pacific islands are like, including Fiji, the Tonga group and New Caledonia. I came back to San Diego late in August."

★ Commander Shields went from there to Norfolk, Washington, and Miami where, he writes, "I picked up Admiral Glassford's military mission to French West Africa and proceeded to Dakar on December 19. There we stayed until February 16. While there we made short trips to Port Etienne, Bathurst, Freetown and Liberia. We left Dakar on February 16 and arrived in San Diego on February 26 (ten days, think of it! That is speed!) It was an interesting job, but a bit long. We did not see any shooting but my French has improved. I don't care for Dakar, it is too full of smells, dirt and disease, and the water is not palatable."

(How about news of some more of you Navy Air men? There's always room for one more!)

WOMEN IN THE SERVICES

Every Lass Let's A Fighter Fight

★ First Bethlehem girl to don the uniform of the SPARS, Coast Guard Women's Auxiliary unit, is *Miss Margaret Bracko*, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bracko, 806 Carlton Avenue. Miss Bracko recently completed indoctrination work at Hunter College, N. Y., and spent a weekend with her family here.

★ *Elizabeth Venninger, S 2/c, WAVES*, is now in Oklahoma seeing service with her outfit.

★ The distinction of being the first woman Marine from this area goes to *Mary Dorothy Bowes*, a member of the North Side Presbyterian church. Miss Bowes was inducted several weeks ago. Two other feminine representatives from the same church are *Olive Mills* and *Alice Houston*, WAAC and WAVE respectively.

★ *Pearl H. Hiegley*, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hiegley, Easton Avenue, is now in training at the U. S. Naval Training school for WAVES at the Victoria Hotel, Boston, Mass. Pearl is the former secretary of the Trinity Episcopal Y.P.F.

★ *Aux. Francis Carcione*, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Basil Carcione, 1917 Huntingdon Avenue, is at Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., with the WAAC.

★ Looking as pretty as can be in her WAAC uniform is *Auxiliary Thelma Clouse*, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Clouse, 83 West Goepp Street. Aux. Clouse is at Fort Devon at present putting to good use the training gained while at base school. She is a graduate of Liberty High, a member of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church where she sang in the choir, and was employed by the Bethlehem Silk Company before going into the service.

★ There is no getting away from it! Bethlehem turns out the prettiest girls we know of. For instance, take *Aux. Ruth B. Fields*, another WAAC. Ruth is stationed at Daytona Beach, Fla., in the basic training and administrative school. She writes to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy A. Shields,

that she "likes it very much" and hopes to be kept at Daytona for awhile but, "when the Army says move, you move."

★ *Aux. Fields*, a member of Salem Lutheran Church, is an alumnae of Liberty High, class of '33, and of Bethlehem Business College. She was employed by Sears Roebuck in the service department and was sent to Daytona January 24. At present she is at Janice Hall.

★ Stars now presents a picture of *Aux. Thelma Blomstrom Vella*, WAAC, wife of Dr. Paul Vella. A bit of news about Aux. Vella appeared in Stars' introductory issue. At that time we quoted her as enthusiastic about her work and new life. So far nothing has been heard to indicate that she has changed her opinion.

★ Her training completed at Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., *Grace E. Hake*, a member of the WAAC, is waiting new worlds to conquer. Of her Army life, Aux. Hake says it is all she expected and hoped for. She is attending Administrative School and describes the graduation parade as a "big thrill" and something that "meant a great deal" to the girls.

★ Just to show that the training is not all milk and honey, Grace writes that she was given gas drill, which meant that the girls had to go into a sealed room filled with tear gas, both with and without masks. Oddly enough, Grace is a member of Grace Lutheran Church in Bethlehem.

★ Now undergoing preliminary training with the WAAC is *Doris A. Schantz*, who left Bethlehem May 4 for duty at Daytona Beach, Fla. Miss Schantz is upholding the honor of the family along with her brother, who is in the Navy and is stationed at Sampson Naval Training Center, Sampson, N. Y.

★ This young woman is a graduate of Liberty High, class of 1941, and attended Bethlehem Business College. She was employed by Dennis Photo service.



Clouse

Hake

Venninger

Vella

Fields

LETTERS TELL THE STORY

You Write 'Em, We'll Print 'Em

Listen, doughboys, gobs, leathernecks, skyriders, you of the feminine army and all the rest of a grand lineup of sons and daughters of Bethlehem and our neighbor towns who are getting a kick out of "Stars"—it sure is swell to get such enthusiastic letters from you about how much you like our mag. We'll try to keep it coming to you as often as we can.

Some of these letters we are printing here and if anyone has a yen to write to us, just sit down at the nearest stump, get the remains of your pencil working, and let 'er rip. All you've got to remember is the censor man. He's a bear with his scissors.

May we put our oar in here to say that we hope you are telling the folks back home that you have received "Stars" and how you like it. It is the families and friends of service men who are making it possible for us to send you "Stars." And another thing, your home church is interested. Your pastor is backing us. Members of the congregation, the young people's groups and other organizations are sending news and pictures, helping with the addressing, handling funds and distribution problems. Don't forget them, too, when you write.

Now For The Letters. . . .

★ From North Africa *Lieut. Russell R. Moore* has written twice to "Stars," his first letter being dated April 14. After acknowledging receipt of the Introductory Issue he says "just recently a three star general was 'up on the line' and several ME's came over. Due to the shortage of fox holes the general was sharing a hole with a private, who was on top." Prophetically he added, "by the time this mail gets through I hope to be taking things easy." He is, we hope. In his second letter *Lieut. Moore* enclosed several clippings from "Stars and Stripes," including one on "Bouncing Babies" which, he suggests, we send on to the author of "Mines by the Millions." Says he, "it's a tough baby on the infantry man." He sends greetings to *Lieut. James Laidman* and encloses a map, marked with X's to indicate the places where he has been. Sorry it is not reproducible.

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★ *M. Sgt. Matthew Wotherspoon* asks if "Stars" can list the addresses of all men in service. Sorry, sergeant, can't be done. There'd be no room for anything else, and we wouldn't be allowed to list them if we did; besides, we don't have 'em all. Note to anyone knowing where *Roger Griffith, U.S.N.*, is—please let *Sgt. Wotherspoon* know in care of "Stars." He wants to write to him.

Says the sergeant: "There are quite a few in my outfit from Bethlehem, which, by the way, is the First Division, the toughest in the bunch. You all know what we have done in the past few months.

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★ We never get tired of reading letters like the one from *Pvt. George Bradford*, who is somewhere in Africa. "I read all the articles contained

in the first issue and it gave me much news of many friends back there who are now in different branches of the service. I, too, am a member of *Joe Raines' Red and Blue gang* (Hi, Joe!), members of which are doing their bit in this global mess. Everything is swell over here in Africa. I wish you would give my regards to my host of friends back there in Bethlehem and to the boys I know in service." Hello, everybody, from *George*.

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★ *Cpl. Harry Webb* says: "There are quite a few fellows from Bethlehem in this outfit. They couldn't wait 'till each got done reading it ("Stars") so they could see their friends' and relatives' pictures and writeups."

"Stars" can't answer questions relative to war industry, numbers of men in service, etc., chum. That's giving "aid and comfort" to *Fritz* and his gang. We know you are a member of our First Defenders and that you and the outfit are living up to the finest traditions of the regiment.

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★ *Cpl. W. A. Fetzer* says he has received both issues of "Stars." He meant to write, he says, but has been too busy. (It's OK, *Bill*.) "As long as I have been in the Air Corps I haven't met anyone from good old Bethlehem," *Bill* writes. "Maybe some day my luck will change." How's about some of *Corp. Fetzer's* old chums dropping him a line?

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★ To *S. Sgt. E. A. Goth* "Stars" says "thanks" for the suggestion about having news and pictures of the folks at home. It looks as if that is the hardest column to get started. On the first inside page there is something approaching the idea, but it's not what we want. Maybe after a few more



GREET YOUR BUDDIES
IN DISTANT PLACES
THROUGH "STARS"

By Writing Us Letters

issues we'll have a better column of that sort.

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★ *Corp. William Skerlock*, "Stars" will be glad to have that letter you mention. We know censorship is hard on communication but this is war, so we aren't squawking. Thanks for the kind remarks about "Stars," and thanks for your address. "There is nothing better for a soldier overseas than a letter from home," writes *Corp. Skerlock*. "I can see that everyone is behind us and you can bet we won't let you down."

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★ *Corp. Myer Katz* is in New Guinea, to hop from one war front to another on the other side of the globe. "I can't tell you how swell it was to receive "Stars in The Service," he has written. "I am very grateful to all who helped in making the magazine a success . . . Have been overseas for the past year. Spent nine months in Australia and have almost completed three months in New Guinea (April 9 his letter is dated).

"The people have been very friendly to us and I must say I'll never regret having been sent over here. It is truly an Americanized country . . . The people are very polite and frank about everything. They call the bars, pubs, as in England. Fields are called paddocks, trolley cars are "trams." Horse racing is their major sport . . . My home for the past eight months has been in a tent. Nothing like the great open spaces to build up one's love for Mother Nature. Best wishes to everyone." His engagement to *Miss Edna Starner*, of Bethlehem, was recently announced.

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★ Here's "hello" for *Ray Huston, Daniel Sylvester, Ray Hinkle, Charles Kuhn, Mike Petras, Carlton Fink* and *James Venninger* from *Cpl. Russell W. Gower*. "I am stationed somewhere in the South Pacific area, but I cannot tell you where, although I would like to." *Gower* is with the Marines.

BROTHERS IN ARMS

"Marching Along Together"



★ Looks like this should be known as The Brothers issue. Here's another pair, Pvt. Richard Klase and Corp. Milton Klase, sons of Mr. and Mrs. H. Klase, 713 High Street, both in the Airforce and both members of Salem Lutheran Church.

★ Pvt. Dick entered the service April 2 and was sent to Atlantic City from New Cumberland. At the shore resort

★ Two sons in the Army Overseas remembered their parents on Mother's Day when Clayton, jr., and Robert Davies, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Davies, 1538 Center Street, sent greetings to their mother. Clayton, who is a sergeant, sent his greeting from somewhere in Australia. He recently wrote of seeing General Douglas MacArthur, of whom he says, "He is Some Soldier!" Clayton celebrated his 21st birthday in the land "Down Under" on February 23. He enlisted May 8, 1942 and got his basic training at Keesler Field, Miss.

Easton Avenue, has received a citation from General Swartz of the French Army in North Africa. The citation was endorsed by General Patton by order of General Eisenhower. It was given for the capture of ten German soldiers, who had landed by glider nearby in the area where Lieut. King was patrolling with an armed vehicle.

★ Lieut. King attended Penn. State where he received his commission as a second lieutenant. He was made a first lieutenant in December.

★ Lieut. King has two younger brothers, Gerard and Bob, both in the army. Gerard enlisted December 8, 1941, and received his basic training at Keesler Field. He was made a sergeant at Harlingen Field, Texas, and is now with a bomber squadron.

★ Bob, or "Dingo" as he is better known, enlisted two weeks prior to his induction last February, and now is at Jefferson Barracks.

★ "We felt it a duty to give our sons," say both Mr. and Mrs. King.

★ Cousins in the service of Uncle Samuel are Frank Altenback, jr., S 2/c, and Harry Weckert, S 2/c, who had the happy fortune of spending a furlough in the old home town together. Frank is stationed at the Naval Training station at Sampson, N. Y. He is the son of Frank Altenback, sr., of Freemansburg and prior to his enlistment was employed as an electrician by the Bethlehem Steel Co. His greatest ambition is to get his rating as Electrician's Mate and to get a crack at the Japs.

★ Harry, who is at the Naval Training school at Bainbridge, Md., enlisted soon after graduation from the high school in Hellertown, his home.



R. Klase

M. Klase

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E. Unkle

he is taking up his technical training and intends to enter communications school. Back home, he attended Technical High.

★ Brother Milt is a veteran of one year, having entered the service April 11, 1942. He was sent to Will Rogers Flying Field in Oklahoma and from there was assigned to the Army Air Base school at Savannah, Ga. After that, Tampa, Fla., and now he is at Gainesville, Fla., with his newly-acquired corporal's stripes adorning his sleeves.

★ Two service stars adorn the flag in the window of the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Unkle, 417 Woodlawn Avenue, and two stars on the service flag of St. Stephen's Lutheran Church denote the fact that the Unkle brothers, Edwin and Warren, are in the armed forces.

★ Edwin is a private and is stationed at Orlando, Fla. He was inducted in 1941, leaving his employment with the Bethlehem Steel Company to take up arms for his country. Warren is a corporal and is at Camp Gordon Johnston, Florida. He graduated from Liberty High with the class of 1935. An all-around athlete, he rated first in his class in sports. He was inducted in April of 1941.

In October he was advanced from corporal to sergeant.

★ His brother, Robert, rates as technical sergeant. He's really a vet., for he has served in the Army six years and went overseas in November of 1941, being stationed in Jamaica, B. W. I., until February of this year, when he was transferred across. He travelled by 'plane. In a recent letter he told his folks he expected a transfer again soon. He is with the Quartermaster Corps. Both he and Clayton are members of Zion E. & R. Church.

★ Lieut. Woodrow King, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert King, Sr., 1333



C. Davies

R. Davies

W. King

R. King

DEFENDING AMERICA

"All For One And One For All"



Wakeforest, N. C., and brother Gerald at Greenville, Pa.

★ Corp. Paden was inducted in June of 1942 and celebrates his first anniversary this month. He was formerly employed by the Bethlehem Steel Company in accounts payable. After basic training at Fort Benjamin Harrison he was graduated at Finance

★ Two Bethlehem boys, brothers, sons of Mrs. George Prokop, 1701 East Third Street, are serving their country in places far distant from their home town. One, *Lieut. George S. Prokop*, is in the Pacific area with the Ordnance department. He is a veteran of three years with the army and was an R.O.T.C. man at Lehigh University, where he graduated in 1929. He is also a Liberty High alumnus, class of 1925. George's wife, the former Mary Osburn, is living at the home of her mother in DuBois, Pa., Greenacres Farm, and is teaching school.

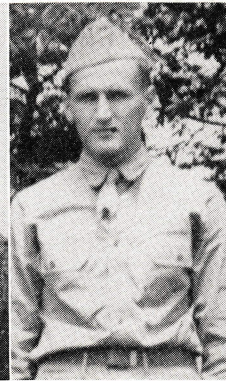
★ *Sgt. Charles Kemmerer*, *Pfc. Dale Kemmerer*, his brother, and *Sgt. Earl Leonard* have written to Jeanette Titlow, "Stars" reporter for College Hill Moravian, that they have received their copies of the magazine and that they enjoy reading about their chums and what they are doing. *Pfc. Kemmerer* has left Florida for a new location and *Sgt. Leonard* was expecting a furlough soon, perhaps on May 25, his birthday.

★ *Sgt. Lewis R. Christein* is among

★ His brother, *2nd Lieut. Paul J. Prokop*, enlisted in the air force in September, 1941. He was graduated at Loury Field armament school and is now a bombsight officer at the Ephrata Air Base in the State of Washington. He was graduated at Liberty High in 1938 and was a student at Moravian College for three years. He is a member of Salem Lutheran Church. The Lieutenants Prokop are sons of whom their families and friends may well be proud, for both, through devotion to duty and a high sense of patriotism, are giving their best to Uncle Sam.



G. Paden



M. Paden



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the many gallant Leathernecks who received citations from President Roosevelt for their heroic performance during the action on Guadalcanal August 8, 1942. His brother, *Pfc. John E. Christein*, who enlisted in the Marines last October, sends word home that all he wants is "action." Both are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Christein.

School, Wakeforest, and is now a member of the permanent cadre.

★ *Pfc. Paden* got his first taste of Army life at Camp Lee, Va., and is a chief clerk in the Quartermaster Corps, putting to good use the training he received with the Bethlehem Steel, by whom he was engaged in the Public Relations department.

★ The reason these two representatives of the Army and Navy appear to be so amicable is that they are brothers, *Pfc. Lawrence R. Lorrh*, at the right, and *Seaman Homer Lorrh, jr.*, at the left. The picture is one of two of the brothers and was sent by Lawrence from his post in North Africa. He wrote that he had received "Stars" and said he has not seen a guitar since he has been overseas, let alone played on one. Homer is at Quonset Point, R. I. They are sons of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Lorrh of Freemansburg.

★ Two more brothers from Bethlehem now with the Army are *Merrill Paden*, corporal technician, and *Gerald Paden*, private first class, son of Mr. and Mrs. Merrill Paden, 777 Washington Avenue. Both boys are still in the U. S., Merrill being at

★ Forty men and women from the *First Presbyterian Church*, North Side, are now in the armed forces. The recent induction of *Hamilton Carothers* makes his family the first from this church to have three members in the service. *Neil, Jr.*, is a lieutenant in the Navy and *Stuart* is in the artillery at Fort Sill, Okla.

★ Nine families from the same congregation have two members each in service. They are: *Capt. Gordon L. Brandt* and *Capt. Marvin W. Brandt*; *Officer Candidate William W. Crawford* and *Pvt. Jack S. Crawford*; *Pvt. William Flick* and *Pvt. James Flick*; *Pvt. William J. Hauze* and *Pvt. Richard C. Hauze*; *Alice E. Houston* and *Pvt. Robert N. Houston*; *Olive E. Mills* and *Corp. A. Logan Mills*; *Capt. Donald Oskin* and *Pvt. Clyde H. Oskin, Jr.*; *Lt. John L. Tyson* and *Pvt. Jesse R. Tyson*; *Robert H. Young* and *Pvt. Donald J. Young*.



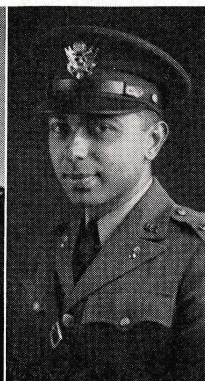
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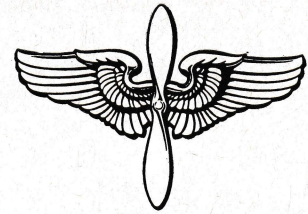
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THE ARMY IN THE AIR

Their Wings Will Be Over Tokio



★ Here's a chap whose job is to always be at the tail end of things for he is tail gunner in a B-24 bomber. He is *Sgt. Gerald L. King*, now at Tucson, Arizona, with a bomb squadron. Sgt. King sent "Stars" his photo and writes, "Don't let anyone kid you about these Liberators. They're the real 'McCoy.' True, the 17's are hitting the headlines, but talk to any crew of a B-24. It's a military secret from here on."

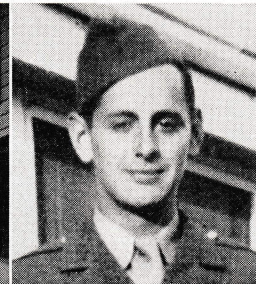
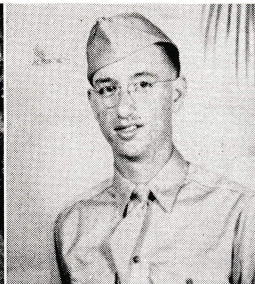
★ Sgt. King enlisted in the Airforce December 14, 1941, and was sent to Keesler Field, Miss. There he spent eleven months and then decided to try for aerial gunnery. He was gradu-

★ Getting his flight training at the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, Ark., *Pvt. Warren Yohe* is aching to get into the scrap with both feet and fists flying. He enlisted in the Air Corps Reserve and was called up for active duty in February. He was given his basic training in Florida. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Yohe, 219 East Ettwein Street.

★ *Air Cadet Carl Rice* recently passed all his exams for pilot training, so will soon begin a course at a college. He mentioned in his letter that a loud speaker furnishes music for the men while they are at mess

where he remained until December 20. His next big move was to a Caribbean base, unnamed. *Pvt. Riland* is reported by his mother to be a good correspondent, writing several letters each week. He'll be 21 in August and is a "graduate" of the Bethlehem Steel plant, where he was a machinist's helper.

★ *Sgt. Edward D. Smith* is still hunting submarines. He is based in the New York area.



King

Ziegenfuss

Rice

Yohe

Fillman

ated and received his silver wings and sergeant's stripes at Harlingen, Texas, aerial gunnery school. He was then sent to Lowry Field, Denver, Colo., and was graduated from armament school there. He at present is taking advanced training with his combat crew at Tucson.

★ *Lieut. LeRoy Dietrich*, U. S. Army Airforce, is another one of these ferry pilots. He's a tenor, too, and sang in the choir in Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, where he was president of the Luther League. He is a graduate of Liberty High, of Penn State Extension school, and was employed by the First National Bank before enlisting in the Airforce, January 1942. He was statistical secretary of the Allentown Conference Luther League and is the son of William and the late Mrs. Dietrich. His brother, William, is in the service, too.

and says that the food is good and that they have all the milk to drink they want.

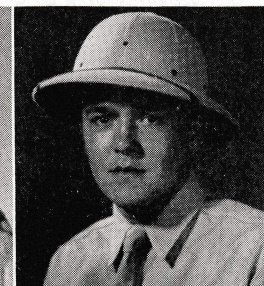
★ Home recently on furlough with a fine stock of good Army stories to tell, *Cpl. LeRoy A. Overbeck* has returned to Pyote Flying School, Pyote, Texas, to continue his training with the Air Corps. "Becky" told the homefolks, a bloodthirsty glint in his eye, that he's going to take the Axis boys "into camp." Here's good hunting, lad! Cpl. Overbeck is a Freemansburger.

★ A fellow who admits he likes Army life is *Pvt. Jordan Arthur Riland*, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Riland, 742 Linden Street, now in the Caribbean area with the Air Force. Pvt. Riland volunteered for the Air Force in September, 1942. He was stationed for two weeks at Camp Kilmore, N. J., then was sent to the West Indies

★ *Pvt. Robert Fillman* has been sent to Truax Field, Wis., from Chicago, where he had been stationed at the former Stevens Hotel, one of the Windy City's luxury spots in pre-war days.

★ A veteran of the Army Air Corps since 1935, Technical *Sgt. Edward Hawk*, known as "Eagle" to his friends, is now on foreign soil. Last word from him, as this is written, was April 29. "Eagle" is a native of Bethlehem. He likes Army life, thinks "there's nothing like it." His last trip back to the old home town was in November, when he had a 30-day furlough.

★ *Harold Strawn*, who has been in the Airforce since November 23, 1941, has been promoted to corporal and stationed someplace where he can ice-skate and ski. Does that mean in the Summer?



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THE ARMY IN THE AIR--Continued

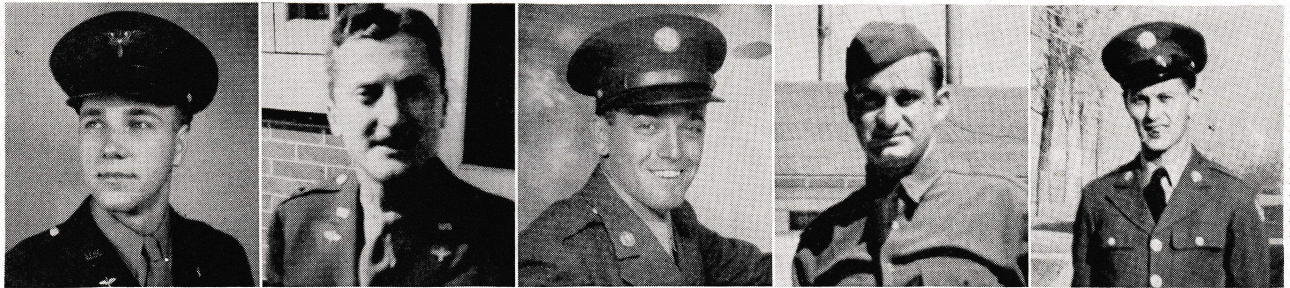
★ *Sgt. Raymond Sell* is a full-fledged gunner with a combat crew of the Second Airforce. He is located at Blythe, a big airbase in a bigger desert.

★ *Air Cadet Donald Bramwell* is stationed at Santa Ana Army Air Base, Santa Ana, Calif., learning the tricks of the trade. Before we know it he'll be the hero of the song, "Johnny Got a Zero Today," only it will be Donny, not Johnny. He is a grad of Fountain Hill High, 1940, and attended Moravian College until the Bethlehem Steel beckoned him. He left home for service February 8 and was sent to Nashville, Tenn. He's a member of St. Peter's Lutheran Church.

late Dr. C. A. Meilicke, pastor of Central Moravian Church, was in town over the Easter holidays. He wears the striking uniform of the Royal Canadian Air Force.

★ Wearing the lapel wings of an Air Cadet, *Niles Long* is now in training in Texas, on the way to becoming a full-fledged flying soldier. Formerly a member of the Infantry, Cadet Long was at Camp Joseph T. Robinson, Ark., on Palm Sunday when President Franklin D. Roosevelt, commander-in-chief of the armed forces of the United States, visited the camp. Cadet Long, then a private, said it was quite a thrill to see the president and that he stood only 30 feet away. He described Mr. Roose-

ice. "There is nothing like real home life and womenfolk," says Jerry. You don't get much chance to enjoy the former or see the latter way out here on the Salt bed." Corp. Bachman attended Lehigh University and Bethlehem Business College and was active in St. Mark's Luther League. ★ "Fighter Aircraft Armorer" — that's what they call *Pvt. Edgar H. Bachman*, who is plying his trade at Tyndall Field, Fla., after graduation from Airforces Technical School at Buckley Field, Colo. Son of Mr. and Mrs. William J. Bachman, 24 East Fairview Street, he entered the army late in October and was sent to New Cumberland November 11, 1942. He got his basic at Atlantic City and was transferred thence to Buckley with the Armorer force.



Bramwell

Uhler

Long

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★ A fine record of achievement brings the well-merited palm to *Captain Edward A. Uhler*, who enlisted in the Airforce June 18, 1942, and was made a captain March 18, 1943. He received his basic training at Miami Beach and was sent as a lieutenant to Fort Worth, Texas, where he is now stationed. Captain Uhler is the son of Marcus Uhler. He was educated in Bethlehem, graduating at Liberty High, and in Philadelphia, taking courses at the Wharton School of Finance, University of Pennsylvania. He was thereafter employed for six years in the Quaker City and later in New York City, in both instances by bond brokerage houses. He writes home that he likes Texas and has a war garden to occupy his spare moments. Says the climate during the past winter was chilly and changeable.

★ *Arthur Meilicke*, nephew of the

velt as "a grand guy, waving and speaking to the men, who gave a glad whoop when he came through the camp."

★ Cadet Long thought highly of Camp Robinson which, he says, is noted for its tough basic training course and as the most homelike camp in the U. S. When he learned of his approval for training as an air cadet, Long telephoned his mother, Mrs. Earl Long, here in Bethlehem to tell her the happy news.

★ *Corp. Gerald H. Bachman*, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roland Bachman, 1020 Cherokee Street, is on duty at the Air Base at Salt Lake City, Utah. He has been in the Army since August 27, 1942. Right now he is kept on the jump at the Provisional Center. He was home on May 12 for his first visit in nine months and has been at his present post since entering the serv-

★ *Pvt. Donald Scheirer* is stationed in Alaska with a troop carrier squadron. He's one of the boys who help the other fellows get there "fustest with the mostest." Pvt. Schreirer completed a special course with the U.S.A.C. at the State College of Education, Greeley, Colo., on a special scholarship. Son of Clarence Schreirer, 1209 Monocacy Street, he is a graduate of Liberty High, class of '39, and is a former employee of the Bethlehem Steel in the billing department.

★ *Roger "Lefty" Doll*, third son of the family of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Doll, 122 East Ettwein Street, to serve in the armed forces, is in training with the Airforce. He was inducted March 26. He's a former southpaw hurler for the Liberty High nine and here's hoping the old left holds out when he is in there pitching 'em against the Axis.



Strahlo

Kessler

Bachman

Doll

Evans

THE ARMY IN THE AIR---Concluded

★ How to drill a square hole" is the general tenor of speculation in letters received by family and friends of *Pfc. Gordon Moyer*, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eden Moyer, 610 Hoffert Street. Gordon is endeavoring to find the solution to his question at Tyndall Field, Fla. He entered the service in January and took basic air training at Miami, Fla., where he also was examined for officer candidate school. He was then transferred to Lowry Field, Colorado, and studied aerial armament. His most recent transfer was to Tyndall. Gordon attended Lehigh U. and was an active worker in St. Mark's Luther League.

★ Rapidly becoming an expert in radio signaling, *Pvt. Merideth Wirth*, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Wirth, 1002 Linden Street, is in training at Drew Field, Tampa, Fla. There are other kinds of signaling the soldiers learn, we are told, but there's no time to go into that. However, the language is universal.

★ A graduate from Air Corps Medical School on June 5, *Pfc. Oliver P. Minnich*, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Minnich, Sr., 1413 Center Street, is now embarked upon the phase of his Army career in which his intensive training in the techniques of life saving will be put to the test. *Pvt. Minnich* was inducted January 2 and after the preliminary routine at New Cumberland, was sent to Clearwater, Fla., and assigned to the Air Corps, Medical Division. Later he was transferred to Lawson General Hospital, Atlanta, Ga., to continue his training and where he has recently graduated. Before going into the Army he was a Bethlehem Steel employee.

★ Kansas City Kitty and *Corp. William Gold* should be old friends by now, for *Corp. Bill* has been out there for some time and Kitty is said to be a fast worker. There's no report of Bill. Anyway, he has been in the Airforce since January 28, when he was inducted and sent to New Cumberland, to Atlantic City and to his present station at Kansas City. He is a graduate of Liberty High, 1937; Blair Academy, 1940, and was a student at Lehigh University when he was "cotched" by the Army.

★ *Pvt. Albert Nonnemaker*, one of the youngest members of College Hill Moravian Church to be in the service, is in the Air Corps somewhere in North Carolina. He writes that he is living in recently erected barracks and that everything is going nicely.

★ A recent birthday celebrant, to whom "Stars" extends belated con-

gratulations, is *Pvt. William F. Horning*, who recently was transferred to Smoky Hill Army Air Field, Salina, Kansas. His natal day was May 26.

★ Leaving his work as an apprentice at the Bethlehem Steel Company for Army life, *David Ellis Evans*, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Evans, of Pine Top Trail, is busy at a North Carolina air base. He is a graduate of Tech. High, class of 1942.

★ Many doughboys from the United States are getting acquainted with India, a land familiar to most of us only as a place where missionaries come home from and where English "toffs" rule the roost. Among them is *Pvt. Carlton Kessler*, who entered the Air Corps three years ago and who has, in that period of time, seen much of the world. Known to his friends as "Guinea," he is doing a swell job along the famed "Road to Mandalay." He attended school in Freemansburg and Technical High in Bethlehem. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kessler, are former Freemansburg residents who now are living in Maryland.

★ His address is care of postmaster, New York City, that's all. So *Cpl. Karl Young* is across the "Big Pond" somewhere. He was inducted into the Army March 26, 1942, sent to Camp Meade, Md., thence on March 30, to Ft. Eustis, Va., for basic training and the following May 28 to Camp Stewart, Ga. He was made a corporal May 28, 1942. He is attached to an anti-aircraft regiment.

★ *Martin Repson* has been advanced to corporal, and now he is sporting his chevrons at Clovis, N. M., as a member of the Air Force. He's the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Repson, 1701 North Main Street.

★ A regular Cook's tourist is *Pvt. James T. Ziegenfuss*, who right now is training at Henderson Field for Signal Corps work after starting his itinerary at Miami Beach and passing through Drew Field, Fla. At the latter he trained in radio and electrical work. *Pvt. Ziegenfuss* was inducted November 23, 1942, and is a graduate of Liberty High in the same year. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Ziegenfuss, 44 East Market Street.

★ Getting the lowdown on Uncle Sam's vast expanses of terrain from among the clouds is *Sgt. William Peter*, who is stationed at Colorado Springs, Colo. He and his wife, the former Dorothy Sloyer, recently celebrated their first wedding anniversary. Mrs. Peter is living with her husband in Colorado.

COLORED STARS

★ Perhaps it is not generally realized, but Bethlehem has at least 15 Negro boys and two girls in the service of the United States. The girls are in the WAAC and doing splendidly and the young men are finding Army life much to their taste, according to letters they have written to DeWitt Groves. Stars believes that these young men and women deserve more than passing mention, for theirs is a difficult role to play in a service in which the opportunities for advancement afforded their white comrades have only recently been made available to them.

★ "Stars" takes this opportunity to salute *Aux. Dorothy Smith, Aux. Lillian Johnson, A.S. Walter T. Morcell, Sgt. Wilbur A. Faunteroy, Jr., Pvt. Henry T. Rhea, Pvt. Chester Rowlett, Sgt. John H. Hurt, Pvt. Russell Erby, Pvt. Thomas Potillo, Pfc. George Stokes, Corp. Allen Chinn, Pvt. LeRoy Smith, Pfc. Reuben Moore, Corp. James L. Stalworth, Pfc. Zantash Brandon, Pfc. Glennie Cobbs, Pfc. Andrew Brandon*, and others who may have been called into service and whose names we do not yet have.

★ From letters which Mr. Groves has received from some of his "boys" and which he has shown the editor of "Stars" with pardonable pride, we learn of the fine progress, the patriotic enthusiasm and the devotion to the great cause of freedom which these young Americans are displaying.

★ *Sgt. Faunteroy* is in India and his fine record as a soldier has won for him mention in the "Christian Review," a Negro newspaper of high standards. His picture also appears. Excerpts from a cheerful letter to his parents which reflect a fine spirit are printed. The young soldier grew up in Bethlehem, graduated at Bethlehem High school and is a member of the Second Baptist Church. His father, Andrew P. Faunteroy, sr., is chairman of the official board of the church and a leader in the congregation. His mother is busy with church activities, too, and has been treasurer of the Women's Missionary Society for 28 years.

★ News of others is scarce, but *Corp. Stalworth* was home recently on a weekend visit from Fort Benning, Ga.; *A.S. Morcell* writes from Williamsburg, Va., "There is great work to be done . . . Keep 'em flying!"; *Corp. Chinn* is at Ft. Meyer, Va., in an Engineer battalion and "likes the Army very much."

SPORTS, PAST TENSE

By Lloyd Lukens

The sports round-up for this issue consists chiefly of a recapitulation of team records and some outstanding performances in early Spring.

At this writing considerable interest is being manifest in Bethlehem's new entry in the East Penn League. While it is too early to discuss the merits of the team, or its management, for some reason it hasn't "clicked" as fans believed it should with an array of good talent from which to draw. It has a record of no victories and two losses.

In the City Softball League Technical High holds the edge over the other nine clubs.

Coach Bill Emery turned in another successful track season at Liberty High, but loses nine of his men by graduation. The team won four of five dual meets, losing only to Norris-town. The Allentown meet was forfeited to Bethlehem because of a mix-up in schedules.

In baseball Coach Johnny Butler's Liberty High nine won seven of 11 games. Two of the four defeats were shutouts at the hands of the Reading pretzelmakers, league winners. Butler loses five regulars from the squad by graduation.

Fishermen may be interested in knowing that the Bethlehem Fish, Game and Forestry Association is again sponsoring a junior fishing contest sometime in June. It will be the second of its kind.

Lehigh has announced plans for a summer baseball schedule, with Eb Caraway's proteges scheduled to meet Lafayette and Princeton, among other teams. Baseball will be the only summer sport at the institution.

The Hungarian C.C. paces the City Catholic League at this writing, with the first round just about at an end.

Bethlehem Steel softball leagues have disbanded for the year, due to the step-up in production at the plant.

Conditioning of high school youngsters for possible induction into the service is underway at Liberty High School, where an obstacle course has been laid out. The course includes 21 difficult obstacles such as balance beams, crouching cages, ladder climb, rope swinging, etc.

Ben Smith finished the City Bowling League schedule with the best individual high average honors. He totaled an average of 198 pins in 84 games. High triple honors were won by C. Shestox, with 698 points, and high single honors by C. Moyer, with a 290 game. Forrest Koffel was runner-up in both average single honors and high triple honors.

MORE LETTERS

★ *Corp. Gerald R. Tice* says (April 8), "I received yesterday the first volume of "Stars in The Service" and was very glad to get it. It sure comes in very handy. For example, one of my close friends, Sgt. Paul Starner, is mentioned. I had lost track of him when he was in Florida, and I saw in "Stars that he is in England . . . This will be my eighth month overseas, leaving the U.S. in September and going to New Zealand, where we stayed three months. The people there were swell and often invited us to their homes for tea (or should say dinner). They treated the American soldiers swell and we sure did not like to leave the place."

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★ First photographed V-mail letter to be sent to "Stars" arrived today, June 3, from *Pfc. John Kresge*, San Francisco, Cal., who says, "I have received two issues of "Stars" through Olivet E-C Church and am looking forward to future issues. Having been in Hawaii for 18 months, news of home and citizens is valued highly."

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★ Acknowledgements of receipt of "Stars" and comments on the magazine from *Lieut. R. F. Thomas, Pfc. Maurice Jobbins*, and *Clair D. Palmer, Y1c., U.S.N.*,

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★ Letters have been received from three local men aboard the U.S.S. Thomas Stone. They are *Walter Glina*, *Charles Wesner, Jr.*, and *Walter J. Kosiba*. Glina, in fact, has written twice, his first letter being dated March 29, his second, May 14. In the latter he acknowledges receipt of the second issue and notes that "many more friends" are mentioned. He is, he says, "taking life easy."

Wesner also has received his second copy and calls attention to an inadvertant mistake on "Stars" part. We called him a private when he is actually a radio man second class. Sorry, Charlie, and lots of good luck to you.

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★ While we are on nurses, we have been told that *Lt. Dorothy Lewry* received her first copy of "Stars" away over in Iraq on her way to Iran. "Stars" gets around.

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★ To *Walter Kosiba*—if you will tell us what church you belong to here in Bethlehem we will try and arrange to have "Stars" sent to you regularly. Publication dates are uncertain, so don't look for it too often. Glad you like it and that you have found news of your friends back home in it.

★ *Elizabeth J. Ziegenfuss, 2nd Lt., A.N.C.*, has sent a nice letter from Camp Claiborne, La., in which she notes that her brothers, David and Franklin, whose names appeared in the first issue, are in the Navy. "I'm very proud of them," she says. We'll bet dollars to doughnuts they're proud of you, too!

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★ Everybody who has helped support and make possible the publication of "Stars" is thanked in a letter from *Beatrice J. Frankenfield, 2nd Lt., A.N.C.*, who writes: "To all you folks who support such a worthwhile book I wish to say 'thank you' and continue the fine work, for there is no doubt in my mind that it is greatly appreciated." To which sentiments we say "Amen."

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★ Here's where we switch to the feminine interest for a bit. First letter from a girl in the service was from *Gizella Nemsits, S 2/c, U.S.N.A.* Seaman Nemsits writes with many flourishes and addresses her letter "Gentlemen." That's nice. "I'm proud to be a member of the WAVES," she writes, "and will never regret having enlisted in Uncle Sam's Navy . . . Your magazine is wonderful." We take a bow.

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★ In a postscript to his interesting letter, *Pvt. W. R. Wilkie* says: "Please excuse writing as I am writing this in my pup tent, lying on bed roll, by the light of one little candle." It's probably an old story to most of you readers, but it does furnish a snapshot of Army life "in the rough."

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★ Space simply does not permit printing any more letters, and there are a lot of them. In extracting for those in this column we picked mostly the letters from overseas, as the writers are in the midst of things. We have heard from these men at U.S. posts: *Bud Sheldrake, Pvt. Clarence D. Kemmerer, Pvt. Lester C. Knapp, Sgt. Stephen Kousz, 2nd Lt. Stephen Kutos, Jr., Pfc. Stanley Grube, Howard Erney, William R. Fritz, Pfc. Russell L. Hawk, Corp. W. E. Pettite, Pvt. Delmar R. Titus, Pfc. Harold R. Ziegenfuss, Geza Kardos, Corp. Roy E. Christ, Fred Batsford, Pfc. Robert A. Breisch, Pvt. Bill Kurtz, A.C.S. Richard H. Sotzing, Lloyd G. Davies, Pvt. Harry Deutsch, Pfc. Peter Chovan, Lewis Luther, Pvt. Niles E. Long, Pvt. Paul R. Schreiber, Pvt. George Cunningham, Pvt. Clarence A. Drauch, Harry F. Multer, A/C Morris S. Friedman, Pvt. Raymond H. Yeager, Jr., Capt. Alfred P. Kerchmar, Earl G. Peters, Carroll McCloud, Raymond W. Cerino.*

THE ARMY ON THE HOME LOAN

"Oh Say Can You See By the Dawn's Early Light"



These men of Bethlehem are serving the Colors; 1, Ellwood Miller; 2, Harry Stonum; 3, Sherman Kern; 4, William H. Best; 5, Harry White; 6, Harry Hydusick; 7, Russell Artz; 8, E. W. Swartz; 9, Roland C. Lynn; 10, Merritt W. Stralo; 11, Robert Horning; 12, Ray R. Hess; 13, Charles D. Hagey; 14, W. H. Koons; 15, James Coleman; 16, R. W. Ehret; 17, Henry Benner; 18, Julius Ozdineck; 19, R. A. MacWilliams; 20, Harold Ruth; 21, Robert E. Gross; 22, Delmar Titus; 23, R. Diehl; 24, Russell Hawk; 25, Herbert Achey; 26, Louis Groff; 27, Oliver Minnich; 28, Charles Keeler; 29, Arthur Schrantz; 30, Raymond Unangst; 31, Charles Seifert; 32, Ernest Ammann; 33, James R. Brown; 34, Willard Hess.

★ Doing wig-wags for the Signal Corps, *Pvt. Ernest Harpel*, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Harpel, 176 Washington Avenue, is down in nice, warm Tampa, Florida. Ernest entered the Army in January and was sent to the seashore to train at Atlantic City, then was moved on to Greensboro, N. C. Now he is basking in the Florida sun.

★ When it comes to putting Army vehicles through their paces *Pvt. Robert S. Horning* is pretty much tops—at least if experience is any criterion. Since he entered the service in June of '42 he has been behind the wheel of most everything off the assembly line from jeeps right on down through four-wheel tank destroyers, ambulances, scout cars, weapons carriers, buses and ten ton trucks. He's an old hand at manipulating juggernauts in convoys and has driven some lengthy routes, the last trip being 325 miles. His dad and mother, Mr. and Mrs. John Horning, 719 Linden Street, say he doesn't mind this grueling job so long as he can sink his gnashers in a thick, juicy steak at the end of the run—and so far he has yet to be disappointed. He hangs his hat at present at the Army motor base in Atlanta, Ga.

★ Down in Bainbridge, Ga., is *Pvt. Julius Mihala*, attached to a guard squadron.

★ In service since February, *Pvt. Andrew Wida*, son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Wida, East Sixth Street, is training at Camp Hood, Texas.

★ Another of the three sons of Mrs. Anna Tomanchik in the Army is *T/5 Martin Tomanchik*, who is at Camp Hood, Texas, at this writing. He's rarin' to get into action.

★ *Pvt. Joseph Skulteti, M.P.*, stationed at Elizabeth, N. J., is doing guard duty along the Passaic and Hackensack rivers and has laid in a stock of Citronella preparatory to battling the annual siege of Diptera Culicidae (Joisey Mosquito). *Pvt. Skulteti* hails from River Street, Hellertown, and is the son of Mrs. Mary Skulteti.

★ On Military Police duty at Camp Wheeler, Ga., for the past year, *Pvt. Martin Skrovina* must be getting to be a familiar figure on the post. He's the son of Mrs. Anna Skrovina, East Sixth Street.

★ Eldest of a trio of three sons of Mrs. Anna Tomanchik, 1024 First Avenue, Hellertown, *Lieut. Joseph Tomanchik* is getting accustomed to his recently acquired bars. He recently escorted a detachment to a

nearby camp and managed a four-hour visit at home. He is presently stationed at Seymour Jackson Field, N. C.

★ A lucky fellow is *Pvt. Henry S. Benner*. He was one of the few local boys to get home for Easter, coming up from his post of duty at the Medical Detachment Station Hospital at Fort George G. Meade, Md. He was inducted last November 24, prior to which he worked in the sales department at the Bethlehem Steel plant. He's a Liberty High grad, class of '40, in the commercial department, and was a member of the Spanish Club.

★ Fully recovered from a hospitalizing illness, *Pfc. Russell L. Hawk* is back in the line of duty at Camp Butner, Durham, N. C. He is a "graduate" of Basic Training Regiment Center at Camp Lee, Va.

★ When the ducats are passed around it may be that *Sgt. Harry M. White* had a hand in counting them beforehand. *Sgt. White*, boys, is in the Finance Office at North Charleston, S. C. Son of Mrs. Mabel White, 1117 Main Street, he entered the army December 8, 1942 and now wears three stripes.

★ Getting fat on Army chow reports *James Coleman* from Tuscon, Arizona, where he is with an engineer outfit. Guess the high life agrees with him. He's the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Coleman, sr., East Market Street.

★ Maybe *Herbert Achey, jr.*, doesn't do the actual carving up, but he at least comes somewhere near to it, for he is in the Surgical Technical Group, Hospital Training of the Medical Corps. When he was at home he hung his hat on the family hatrack at 706 Maple Street.

★ Down in Texas at the fort which bears the name of one of the heroic soldiers of pioneer America, Sam Houston, is *Pfc. Warren Yeager*, who was given his first class rating in February. He enlisted in the army in August of 1942, leaving his job at the Bethlehem Steel to do so. He's the son of Mr. and Mrs. Christ Yeager, 1031 Elm Street.

★ *Sgt. Ellwood W. Miller*, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred W. H. Miller, 15 West Locust Street, writes the special orders for his armored division at Camp Campbell, Ky. *Sgt. Miller* enlisted in the Army June 27, 1942, received his corporal technician rating September 27 and his sergeant's stripes January 27, 1942. He was transferred from the Eighth Armored Division to his present outfit when it was activated March 15, 1943.

★ *Corp. Edward W. Swartz* writes to Dean Roscoe Foust, of Nativity Episcopal Church, of his experiences with the Military Police unit to which he is attached at Washington, D. C., and speaks gratefully of the attention of the church to him and his fellow soldiers.

★ We don't remember another soldier mentioned in this issue as being at Amarillo Field, Texas, than *Corp. John R. Lawrence, jr.*, stationed there with a technical school squadron. Johnny entered the service October 17, 1941. He's fond of bowling, thinks it great sport, and won a small prize in a tourney at Amarillo this past winter. He's fond of jitter-bug music, too, but since he goes by the nickname of "Tubby" it may be that his interest is purely platonic. His dad and mother, Mr. and Mrs. John R. Lawrence, live at 508 Carlton Avenue.

★ *Pvt. William H. Best, jr.*, 19, is in one of the Army's most interesting branches of service, for he is with the Coast Artillery in the barrage balloon section at Camp Tyson, Tenn. He was inducted January 13. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur C. M. Best, of Bethlehem R. D. 1, he attended Liberty and Technical High schools and was a member of St. Thomas Union Church at Macada.

★ Happily engaged with his work in the photographic department at Fort George Meade, Md., *Pvt. Harry Stonum*, attached to a Signal Service Detachment, tells friends here he expects to be at Meade "for the duration."

★ Friends of *Pvt. "Sallie" Roth* in Fritz church congregation are glad to know he has not forgotten them. "Sal" is a good correspondent and keeps them up-to-date on his doings. He's at Fort Bragg, N. C.

★ Inducted during his junior year at Lehigh University, *Pvt. Albert Hartung* is now stationed at Camp Swift, Texas.

★ Meat for the surgeon's knife when he was stricken with appendicitis, *Pvt. Marden Williams* is now recovering nicely, "thank you," from an emergency operation. Inducted March 27, he was sent to New Cumberland and thence to St. Petersburg, Fla. He had hardly been there more than a few days when he was rushed to the hospital for an operation. He writes that he is more than grateful for Florida's "bright, blue weather!"

★ Present address of *Pvt. C. Siebert Williams*, who left for the Army April 17, is not known as yet.

THE ARMY AT HOME---Continued

★ Although the picture of Sgt. Arthur L. Schrantz shows him in "civvies," he has been in the service since November 4 last, and no doubt is well supplied with Army duds by now. At least he's not like the fellow from St. Paul's church, "Tiny" Kemmerer, who has had to have his uniforms made because of his oversize measurements. Sgt. Schrantz is at Camp Campbell, Ky., where he is a radio operator and rates as sergeant technician, fourth grade. He is 22 years old, entered the Army November 4, 1942, was made private first class February 13, 1943, and attended radio school, graduating April 17. He and his wife, the former Louisa L. Seifert, of 230 Kichline Avenue, Hellertown, live in Clarksville, Tenn.

★ Back on the job from a recent ten-day furlough with his folks, Pfc. Charles C. Seifert is continuing his training at Camp Maxey, Texas, where he is attached to a cavalry reconnaissance troop. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Seifert, 230 Kichline Avenue, Hellertown, he entered the service November 28, 1942, and was advanced to private first class January 28, 1943.

★ Down in Greensboro, N.C., Bertram C. Saeger, son of Mr. and Mrs. Calvin P. Saeger, Bethlehem R. D. 1, is learning the know-how of Army life. He is a graduate of Technical High, June 16, 1942, and took a special course in structural template and fabricating at the Bethlehem Steel plant.

★ Pvt. Russell Artz, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Artz, 315 West Market Street, is training at Camp Gordon, Ga. He's a member of Holy Trinity, also.

★ Pvt. Robert VanWhy is in a guard squadron at Kerns, Utah. Says he likes Army life because it enables him to serve his country, even in a small way.

★ Pvt. James Fraley is at Fort Benjamin Harrison, Ind., learning the job of paying our fighting men—an important part of Army life.

★ Pvt. Donald Byington has completed his basic training at Jefferson Barracks, Mo., and is now stationed in Arizona.

★ Pfc. Walter H. Koons is at Camp Barkley, Texas. He is the husband of the former Peggy Hummell, who is keeping the home fires burning at 523 Third Avenue. Pfc. Koons is a member of Holy Trinity Church and is formerly of Leighton.

★ Pvt. Louis Groff is at Fort Knox, Ky. He entered the Army February

19. He's the son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis A. Groff, 1031 Spring Street.

★ Sand swallower is Pvt. Sherman Kern, now on desert maneuvers in the California desert. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kern, 1125 Calypso Avenue, and a member of Holy Trinity.

★ On Military Police duty at Holabird Ordnance Depot, Baltimore, Md., Pvt. Delmar R. Titus is one of the boys whose job in this war is something to make the old-time MP shudder, for he must be a disciplinarian, a chaperone, a walking book of etiquette and a glorified Boy Scout. It's no cinch. Pvt. Titus is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Titus, 746 Linden Street. After leaving Liberty High school he entered the employ of the Bethlehem Steel, forge specialty shop of the Saucon plant. He was inducted February 26, sent to New Cumberland and then to Holabird.

★ Pvt. Henry Williams, who is stationed at Ft. Monmouth, N. J., spent Easter in Bethlehem and said that the traditional services in the churches here far surpassed his expectations in beauty and impressiveness.

★ Pvt. Paul DeSchweinitz Couch is reported completely recovered from a recent attack of scarlet fever. He is so completely recovered, in fact, that word leaked out that he was doing KP duty. Wotta life!

★ Wilbur R. Bastian, a recent inductee, is in training at Ft. Bragg, N. C.

★ "Deep in the Heart of Texas" where the deer and the antelope cavort, Pvt. Harry Cool writes home to say that wild life is plentiful and suggests that deer hunters come to the Lone Star State if they want good sport. There are lots of snakes, too, he said, and on a recent maneuver in the woods some of the boys picked up wood ticks! Pvt. Cool is with the anti-aircraft at Camp Hulen.

★ Sgt. Harold Ruth was sent from Camp Gordon Johnson, Florida, to New York City on business during Holy Week, a trip which turned out very well for him, because he was able to stop off and see his parents at Nazareth and his brother, Lloyd, in Bethlehem.

★ Officer Candidate Joseph Heller, Jr., is kept busy from reveille to taps at Infantry School, Fort Benning, Ga. Joe writes to his friends at College Hill Moravian that he has received "Stars in the Service" and says, "Thanks a lot. It really is a wonderful magazine. I am glad to read about

my friends in the service; where they are and what they are doing."

★ Pvt. Raymond Unangst has been moved from Massachusetts to an undisclosed post. Lots of luck wherever you are, Ray.

★ Pvt. Roland C. Lynn has been made a lance corporal and put in charge of a group of ten men. When his basic training was completed he attended radio school.

★ Pfc. Charles Keeler, who is at Camp Swift, Texas, sends his picture and an interesting letter. He says he has run across John Hippenstiel, Jerome Quarry, Robert McIntyre, Jack Carl and a number of other Bethlehem boys while at Swift. Keeler is second gunner in a machine gun platoon and says he is "bucking" for corporal's stripes. He gets a lot of fun out of boxing and has been crowned 138-pound champ of his company with hopes that he will be able to do better as time goes on. He entered the service Feb. 26, 1943. He's the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Erney, 208 East Ettwein Street. Pfc. Keeler is enthusiastic in his praise of "Stars" and wishes us all success. Same to you, Charlie.

★ Charles Seidle, former assistant to the dean of admissions at Lehigh University, has recently been commissioned a lieutenant in the Adjutant General's department.

★ When Corp. Eddie Masten was home from New Cumberland for a weekend recently he turned amateur Thespian for an evening and helped the young people of West Side Moravian put on "That Cause Can Never be Lost," a dramatization portraying various thoughts that pass through a soldier's mind as he writes a Mother's Day letter from his lonely post "somewhere in the South Pacific." Eddie turned in a stellar performance as the soldier. The play was given May 9 at the church and others who took leading roles in the tableaux were Mr. and Mrs. George Jackson, whose son, Pvt. Wilbur Jackson, is getting oriented to Army life at Camp Blanding, Florida.

★ After fairly wide travels, during which time his whereabouts was unknown here, Roland Gangwer returned home for a brief visit. He hardly had time to catch his breath before he was shipped off westward in a big hurry.

★ Richard C. Foster, who is now a corporal, recently was transferred to Lexington, Ky., for a course in Geodetics. He says he doesn't like math., but his IQ was highest in this subject, which explains his new status.

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Cvammen



Bender



Young



Bossler



Saeger

THE ARMY AT HOME---Concluded

★ A former member of the Bethlehem Civilian Defense forces, *Pvt. Richard H. Diehl* is continuing in the service of his country with an infantry unit at Camp Shelby, Miss. He joined the Army on Armistice Day, November 11, 1942, was sent to Shelby and has been there ever since. He was formerly a warden on Post 9, Sector 5, and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Diehl, 913 High Street.

★ Away down in Texas at Camp Howze, *Lieut. Robley W. Ehret* is "carrying on" with the knowledge gained during his training since his entrance into the Army in February of 1942. Lieut. Ehret is the son of the Rev. Dr. and Mrs. H. J. Ehret, 1412 Lenox Avenue, and was graduated at Liberty High in 1935. He is a member of the class of '39 at Ursinus College and after his graduation there was in social service at the University of Pennsylvania and then, before enlisting, was employed by the Bethlehem Steel Co.

★ After leaving New Cumberland he was sent to school for noncoms. at Camp Wheeler, Ga., and then to the Infantry Officer Candidate School at Ft. Benning, Ga. He was commissioned September 7, 1942.

★ *Pvt. James M. Klotz* has recently been transferred from the Ninth General Hospital, Boston, Mass., where he was serving as the camp's dental assistant. He is one of the three sons of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Klotz, 608 Ontario Street, now in the armed services of their country.

★ *Pvt. William Reppert* reports the loss of 23 pounds from off his torso somewhere in the Alabama mud.

★ *Corp. Tech. Ernest Lee Ammann* is at Camp Murphy putting to good use his training at Temple University in engineering, science and radio communications. Corp. Ammann, son of Mr. and Mrs. Christian Ammann, 505 West Fourth Street, graduated in 1938 from Liberty High and majored at Moravian College in English. Shortly after graduation there he enlisted July 9, 1942 in the Signal Corps. He was sent to Temple U. and on the 30th of January went to Camp Crowder, Mo., and then to Murphy. His friends back home are wishing him luck.

★ Thanks to "*The Gremlins' Gabble*," a nifty little paper put out by the Junior Adult Class of Central Mor-

avian Church, "Stars" has a bit of news about some of the men and women from that congregation now in service. Among them, *Pfc. Elmer Dorn*, who is at Camp Chaffee, Ark., and who writes, "At present I am spending the season in Arkansas waiting for Uncle Sam to make up his mind as to where he wants me to go. I hope we move before Summer arrives (he'll have to move quick, for Summer's right around the corner—ed) because it gets very hot down here and then too, we have 'chiggers.'—My job in the battery is that of scout in the reconnaissance section."

★ *Pfc. Ray Dimmick* spent a furlough with his parents in Hellertown. He had been stationed at Camp Edwards, Mass., but his orders called for a trip to Camp Davis upon his return to duty.

★ Another Army musician "giving his all" for his country is *Pvt. Merritt W. Strahlo*, who plays in the Signal Op. Battalion Band at Fort Dix, N. J. He's hot on the trumpet, 'tis said.

★ *Pvt. Robert Gross* is at Camp Santa Anita, Arcadia, Calif., with an ordnance regiment.



Yurack



Weiss



Thomas



Stiles



Schweitzer

THE ARMY ON FOREIGN SOIL

"We'll Climb Old Fujiyama's Heights"



★ **Edward J. Breiner**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Breiner, 644 Leibert Street, is in North Africa with the anti-aircraft artillery. Until the Axis was sent reeling to defeat he took pot-shots at the enemy planes as they soared overhead.

★ **Staff Sgt. Edward G. Goth** is, at this time, in England. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Goth, Fourth Ave-

nue, he attended Holy Trinity when at home.

★ **Corp. James R. Brown** is at Lincoln, Neb., Air Base, his mother, Mrs. Flora J. Brown, 39 West Ettwein Street, says. Corp. Brown has been in the Airforce since July 15, 1942, and was promoted to his present rating last February. He is a former member of the Brotherhood of St. Thomas Lutheran Church, Macada, and of the congregation.

★ Here's a note about a fisherman, the kind of a fellow who likes to

★ **Sgt. Forker**, a member of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, recently sent Pastor and Mrs. Benjamin Lotz gifts of Irish linen handkerchiefs.

★ **Pvt. Arthur Andrews**, now You-Guess-Where, says in a recent letter that he was in the hospital with a broken nose—when the jeep stopped, he didn't. While hospitalized, he met a soldier of the 213th—from right around home.

★ Another St. Mark's member who was among the first to go is **Lieut. Douglas White Edwards**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Edwards, 826 Tomblor Street. He, too, is stationed



Goth

Moser

Forker

Breiner

Gordon

nue, he attended Holy Trinity when at home.

★ It seems hardly possible that **First Sgt. Frank Moser** would be delivering milk in London, now does it? But the Army is a funny place. Sgt. Frank used to work for Suter's Dairy before the Army got him, back in March, 1941. Now he is somewhere in England. He's the son of Morris Moser, 119 East Elizabeth Avenue.

★ It's too bad there isn't space to print the entire picture of **Pvt. Charles Steifel**, for he appears in the uniform he wore in World War I, complete with Stetson type hat and Infantry cord, canvas leggings, OD shirt, black tie and riding type pants. Pvt. Steifel, attached to the medical department, served as a corporal in that other war and as such was with the AEF in France. He was wounded and captured by the Germans and held prisoner until after the Armis-

whip the stream of an early morning and bring his catch home and fry 'em for breakfast. You know, a regular devotee. He is **Sgt. Harrison Forker**, last known to be in Ireland. In a V-mail letter to his family, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Forker, 813 Monocacy Street, he writes: "I enjoy everything. I hear our special services may get a rod for me soon. Boy, those big brownies and salmon make me sit up and take notice. I attended an Irish service in a nice cottage. It was just like church, and again I say, these folks are just as kind and good hearted as our people. An open fireplace and Irish simplicity do much to make us feel more at home in their presence. They like to feed us and treat us as one of the family. Milk, eggs and homemade baking they are very glad to give. Of course, you can only get this in the country from the farmer who lives the hard way."

in the Caribbean area and kept busy as base quartermaster. For some time he was Army laundry man (no tickie, no shirtee!) in Puerto Rico. A graduate of Lehigh University, he studied law at Ann Arbor, Mich. He was an active member of St. Mark's Bible School and was senior councillor to the Luther League prior to his enlistment January 7, 1941.

★ Here's a lad, me boy, who's right in the midst of the old Emerald Isle, **Pfc. Harold E. Lacey**, stationed this past year in Northern Ireland. 'Tis said, so it is, that he has visited the grave of St. Patrick, rest his bones, and many other places of interest, but nary a word, mind you, of his kissing the Blarney Stone. No doubt he will, before he comes home, so mind your p's and q's girl, against the day he says you're quite the prettiest girl in all the world. Pvt. Lacey is with a medical depot unit. He went into service January 17, 1941.



Steifel

Edwards

Himeline

Lacey

Duh

ARMY OVERSEAS---Concluded

★ *Pvt. Raymond Steager*, who is stationed in Alaska, tells the folks back home that on Easter Sunday he attended services at the camp chapel. He says the service, though simple, was most impressive and that it was concluded with the chaplain's assistant singing "The Lord's Prayer." On that day he tuned in on a news program from San Francisco—the first radio program he had heard in a long time.

★ *Edgar Beideman*, who is in North Africa with the AEF, writes to his pastor, the Rev. John Groenfeldt, of West Side Moravian, that he appreciates the mail sent him from the church. He says the letters and church paper have helped him feel he is still in touch with the folks back home.

★ In Africa *Donald Oskin* has added to the weight he carries one shining, new silver bar, making two, and raising him to the rank of captain.

★ While it may not be much of a compliment to the rest of his outfit, *Lieut. Douglas Gordon*, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Gordon, 516 Montclair Avenue, keeps two monkeys at his post in the Dutch West Indies. He confesses they keep him from getting bored. Doug. was one of the first of St. Mark's Lutheran boys to enter the service, leaving with the National Guard in 1940. He has been in many of the Eastern states and since February, 1942, has been in the Caribbean area. He writes that he finds life there dull, although the surroundings are quite nice, and that he looks forward to the day when he can come home.

★ The U. S. Army has beaten the Japs on Attu Island, nearest in the Aleutian chain to the Jap homeland, and perhaps *Pvt. Russell H. Quier*, Hellertown lad and brother of Leon-the-Sailor, is among the troops who routed the little brown men from the rocky fastness. Anyway, at last report he was in an Alaskan outpost, whence he was transferred in October of 1942 from Seattle, Washington. He was inducted into the Army at

Wilkes-Barre June 25, 1942 and trained at Camp Claiborne, La., for two months, then sent to Seattle. He is a graduate of Hellertown High, class of '38, and before induction was employed by the Bethlehem Steel.

★ Overseas for about one year, *Corp. G. R. Tice* has spent much of his time in New Zealand and the balance "somewhere" in the South Pacific theatre of war. He is serving with the Military Police and is presently attached to headquarters company. He was inducted in March of 1941.

★ *Pfc. John Crockett* has moved to another island in the South Pacific, better than the last, he says, because it has more recent movies! (Dottie Lamour in "Jungle Allure," maybe—and what's sarong with that?) Dottie aside, Johnny is a member of the band which plays for his comrades and the fuzzy-wuzzies alike and helps to keep the morale at high tide and the natives happy. He praised the work of the Red Cross in a recent letter.

★ From Australia, land of the Wallaby and "Waltzing Matilda," *Corporal Richard Bender* writes to say he is very busy, feels great and gets plenty of good grub. He is in the engineering service. The letter was written by candlelight on a box that served as a table and with the bugs flying all around.

★ *Staff Sgt. Earl F. George* is on duty in China. He recently acquired a wife.

★ So far as "Stars" knows, *Pfc. Walter F. Kepfer* is still in Panama, where he was stationed with an anti-aircraft outfit last October. *Pvt. Kepfer* was a member of the last contingent of draftees from here to be examined at Wilkes-Barre, getting the once-over June 2, 1942. He was warm, so they sent him to Ft. Eustis, Va., for his basic. He was promoted to private first class in December.

★ Somewhere in Africa and very busy, *Corp. Cliff J. Hineline* is really getting a kick out of Army life. He writes his mother, Mrs. Myrtle Hineline, that he likes the service and

that the climate where he is stationed is "ideal." *Corp. Hineline*, who was another year older on May 9, was inducted in October of 1941 and was trained at Camp Wheeler, Ga., and Fort McClellan, Ala. He's a member of Christ E. & R. Church and was employed at Miami, Fla., in the winter-time and in Colorado Springs, Colo., in the summer before the Army got him.

★ *Sgt. Norwood Wagner*, now somewhere in Africa, tells a story which reminds one vividly of the Biblical tale of how Paul subsisted in the wilderness on locusts and wild honey. *Sgt. Wagner* has just experienced a visit by the flying locusts and he writes: "I thought I had seen almost everything, but I give up! I'm just starting to see things. I have often read about the sky being full of locusts, but now I have actually seen it.

★ He continues, "The other day I saw a few flying locusts when I went to chow. When I came back the area outside where I worked was so full of them that when you looked at the sky it appeared as if there were a blizzard of locusts, and I could hardly walk without having to duck to avoid being hit."

★ He goes on to tell how they disappeared toward evening and remarks that one of the native people told him the locusts made delicious eating, saying that they taste like shrimp when boiled in salt water and cleaned. A little dog which the men had, enjoyed chasing the locusts and "like a true Arab," ate those he caught.

★ *Pvt. William B. Brown*, reported missing in action in the North African theatre of war on May 6th, is back in the thick of things, a telegram from the War Department to his mother, Mrs. Annette Brown, 1008 Cherokee Street, says. The 23-year-old soldier had been unheard from and his family notified. The news of his safety was contained in a message from his commanding general, who expressed his happiness in being able to report that the whereabouts of *Pvt. Brown* had been determined and that he was safe and well and on the job once more.



Kepfer



Crockett



Quier



Schultels



Tice

"IN THE SPRING A YOUNG MAN'S FANCY"

Lightly Turns To Wedding Rings



★ When Pvt. Bruce Hagey was home on an Easter weekend visit he and Miss Catherine Bergy, of Hometown, his fiancee, attended services in Fritz Memorial Methodist Church. They looked so nice, Pvt. Hagey in his natty uniform and Miss Bergy in her Easter outfit, that friends couldn't resist taking a picture of them as they stood on the church steps, so here it is, above.

★ The engagement of Miss Ruth E. Sandel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Edgar Sandel, Philadelphia, and Sgt. Norwood O. Wagner, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Wagner, was announced last October 23. Miss Sandel is organist and choir director at St. Paul's Evangelical and Reformed Church and is employed in Huff's music store and her fiancee is located somewhere in Africa with the U. S. Army.

★ 'Tis said that Sgt. Julius Ozdinec, who is at Sault St., Michigan, with the anti-aircraft, is well supplied with mail by the organist at St. John Slovak Lutheran Church, Miss Grace Banik. Miss Banik is reminded of her pleasant task by a pretty little ring on a certain finger. Sgt. Ozdinec is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George Ozdinec of East Sixth Street.

MELTING POT

★ Marjorie Groman, S 2/c, who is at the U. S. Naval Training School, Cedar Falls, Iowa, says on a picture post card: "Sorry I don't have time to write a letter as we are very busy. I like this training very much. It makes us feel good to participate in some of the many activities.

★ Aux. Alice M. Glose, WAAC, is now at Dow Field, Bangor, Me., and tells the folks back home it is certainly grand country.

★ The engagement of Lieut. G. Scott Maxwell, now stationed at Davis Monthon Field, Tucson, Arizona, and Miss Louise Pelly, of Bethlehem, has been announced.

★ Pfc. William Cvammen and Miss Virginia Jaeger were married during March. Best wishes to the happy couple.

★ Married upon May first to Miss Isabel Parsels was Lieut. John H. Dudley. The honeymoon over, they have gone to Aberdeen, Md., where Lieut. Dudley is stationed.

★ Announcement of the engagement of Staff Sergeant John Lintner to Miss Mary Rosati was made during the time the sergeant was home on a fifteen-day furlough, not many weeks ago. Sgt. Lintner enlisted in September of 1940 and has done very well for himself in his Army career. He is presently stationed in Florida and teaches gun repair. Back home his friends say: "Keep up the good work, Johnny, and we will pull through to Victory."

★ Friends of Richard Reynolds, AS, and his bride, Mary Snyder, in First Moravian Church wish the couple lots of happiness and success. Last August young Reynolds left his employment at the Steel company to enter the Navy. He is stationed in Atlantic City now.

★ After a hasty wedding in New York City to Miss Louise Rydzewski topped by a 24-hour honeymoon, Lieut. Harry Hydusik, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Hydusik, East Sixth Street, is now in California laying down the wires so that he may more easily make those all-important transcontinental 'phone calls. P.S.—He's in a Signal Operations company at Pasadena, Calif.

BLESSED EVENTS

★ Pvt. Walter Hoffert and Mrs. Hoffert are receiving congratulation upon the birth of a son, born April 11. The youngster is named after his pappy, Walter R. junior. Before we know it he will be smoking stogies. Pvt. Hoffert is in Denver, Colo., and mother and child at 521 Sixth Avenue, Bethlehem.

★ Candidate and Mrs. Henry Ritter (the former Irene Coleman of Tenth Avenue) welcomed their first child a few weeks ago. The little girl will be christened Judy Beth. The Ritters are living in Florida at the present time.



★ It's the buttons that get the gals—or so they say. Whatever the attraction, romance with a capital "R" doesn't lack for patrons in the war. Here is the announcement of the marriage of Sgt. Martin Henry Moser, U. S. Army Air Corps, to Miss Mary Katherine Poe, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Poe, Bakersfield, California. The knot was tied by the Rev. H. N. Thompson in the Sacred Memory chapel, Bakersfield, Calif., February 2.

★ Sgt. Moser, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin C. Moser, 1415 High Street, Bethlehem, is a graduate of Liberty High and attended Muhlenberg College prior to entering the Army August 28, 1941. His pretty bride is a



graduate of the high school of her home town and was employed in the Kern County Library.

★ Sgt. Moser trained at Biloxi, Miss., Minter's Field, Calif., and Atlantic City, N. J. He is now at Greensboro, N. C., and his wife is with him.

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