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## **Sovereign Grace in the South Pacific**

**Portions of a Letter to the Managing Editor from CHAPLAIN E. LYNNE WADE**

**26th United States Navy Construction Battalion**

**D**EAR TOM: Next time you write me a letter, even if it is only to prod me, stick an extra three cents on it and send it air mail, so I'll get it in about two weeks. Your letter of September 13th arrived November 1st. All of which reminds me of a good idea started by *Time* magazine—an "air mail edition". I'm enclosing some greenbacks to pay for an air mail service for my *GUARDIAN*. The rate overseas is 6c for each half ounce, which would make the cost for a copy of the *GUARDIAN* exactly eighteen cents. That would be \$4.14 a year according to my mathematics, but of course there's extra cost involved in the special handling of every copy. But \$4.50 a year ought to cover everything in the way of added expense. From now on, even if you have to see to it personally, as soon as the first issues come off the press and the ink isn't dry, grab an envelope, stick it in the typewriter, and address it to me, mark it plainly for all to see—"VIA AIR MAIL"—put the necessary stamps on it and drop it in the nearest mail box. Without this, all of us overseas get our *GUARDIAN*s one and a half to two and a half months late. And I do love my *GUARDIAN*.

It occurs to me, too, that many another of your subscribers overseas would enjoy the same service. Maybe it wouldn't be a bad idea to solicit funds for such a project. All the folks back home are just dying to do these little extra somethings for the boys overseas but don't know what to do. Well, here's an idea for them.

The force chaplain for the Southwest Pacific area has said that two years is the approximate tour of duty for chaplains in this area, so I'll probably be overseas another whole year anyway. It was November 19, 1942, that I left my happy home, and it really gets hard to take, sometimes. These are great days to be a Calvinist and to realize that the situation is what it is only by God's sovereign appointment for our good and His own eternal glory. Therefore, we rejoice in the Lord always, and again rejoice, and in everything give thanks, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus.

I wish I could send you the article you wanted for the *GUARDIAN*, but it is almost impossible if I write the article I want to write. I have in mind something indicated by the title, "Notes from a Naval Chaplain's Log", in which I would recount the highlights of my career and experiences since I first entered the service up to the present time. I really think they would make interesting reading to our *GUARDIAN* subscribers, but out here we are subject to the strictest kind of censorship rules. Unlike the troops in North Africa, Italy, and elsewhere, we are not permitted to mention the names of any place, or say anything about battle experiences, the enemy, and so forth. "Nothing geographical and nothing military" is the general rule, so that the best and most thrilling half of my story would be lost. I have been asked to write a preface to a book on these islands written by a missionary of the South Sea Evangelical

Mission and soon to be published. Because of the urgency of time I had to knuckle right down to it, which I did. We have no Public Relations offices in this whole island group, I discovered, and Public Relations is the Navy organization which handles such matters. The Intelligence officer of the island has advised me to forward my manuscript through my commanding officer to the Public Relations office in New Caledonia. I don't know what may happen to it, but I violated none of the ordinary censorship requirements except the mention of the name of this island group. What I wrote would have been senseless without that, and of no value to the book. But I do hope it reaches the publisher in time for the first edition. I feel quite honored, especially since I am a "foreigner", in being asked to contribute the preface. The author is a Miss U. Sullivan, who spent more than twenty years out here.

I was delighted when I came here and discovered that some of these natives were sincere Bible-believing Christians. They really talk our spiritual language and we have had the sweetest possible fellowship with some of them. One of them in particular has become one of my dearest friends in the Lord. He is twenty years old and named Shebuel Suiga. He started attending my daily evening Bible classes the first of last March and hardly missed a meeting for about six months. Then he was moved to another labor camp farther away, but still gets around two or three times a week. He is one of the dearest Christians I have ever known—bright and intelligent, too. I have succeeded in making him a thoroughgoing Calvinist and he is also fully persuaded of our position regarding baptism and the Sabbath. This is despite the fact that the Mission is Baptist and holds to a slightly dispensationalist view of the Lord's Day, though they insist on a rather strict observance of it. A number of the other finest Christian natives, notably Hermon and Shemuel, who next to Shebuel have attended my Bible classes and worship services most frequently, have also pretty well embraced the Reformed Faith and our position on baptism and the Sabbath.

I have ministered much to these native Christians, having had as many as fifty to one hundred fifteen of them at Sabbath morning services,

given much private and personal instruction, and distributed hundreds of New Testaments, as well as thousands of tracts (including hundreds of our Orthodox Presbyterian tracts, short and long). I have even had the joy of leading several of the heathen natives to a saving knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ, although the first seed was sown by dear and faithful native Christians themselves. God gave the increase, and I simply picked the ripened fruit of the harvest and laid it at Jesus' feet.

I do wish you could hear Shebuel and hundreds like him among the Mission's converts pray! They always inspire and shame us all—as they would most of the prayers of even outstanding Christians at home.

I have flown over to the main island of the Mission, where I stayed several days with the senior resident missionary, Dr. Norman Deck, and visited several of the neighboring Christian villages. I spoke or preached three times, twice with a native interpreter, though most of the natives understand English pretty well and nearly all of them understand pidgin English which I am able to speak in a limited measure. God poured out rich blessing on those meetings, particularly in one place where the native church was crowded out and the people, including many heathen, crowded about all the doors and windows outside for as great a distance as they could hear—and you know my booming voice! Hundreds were there. And sing! I never heard or saw such a thing in my life. Remind me to tell you about it the first time I see you.

But I was going to say that even though the Mission is Baptist and slightly on the dispensationalist side, it is a witness that God has blest beyond measure. There are five missions in the islands: Melanesian (Church of England); South Sea Evangelical; Roman Catholic; Seventh Day Adventist; and a small Australian Methodist mission—in that order as to size and number of adherents. The South Sea Evangelical Mission is easily the outstanding one of the five and the only truly Biblical mission. It was founded by a former missionary of the China Inland Mission and modeled after it. One of their younger missionaries, Wilbur T. Clark, from Auckland, New Zealand, has become one of my closest Christian friends. He has stayed with me right here in

my tent for a total period of one and a half months while he carried on his work along the whole eastern end of this island, which is part of his parish. He is a true Pauline missionary. Although I haven't yet shaken him loose from his Baptistism and his mild Arminianism and dispensationalism, he's certainly not as sure of his position in those matters as he was before he knew anything else. Likewise Dr. Deck who, though an older man, is most keen and even brilliant, is now open to the truth regarding the Reformed Faith. He was inexorably committed to the Arminian position regarding election and the definite atonement, but our position is so thoroughly and plainly Scriptural and irrefutably logical that he has been hard put to it to escape the barrage that would force a change in his stand.

Infant baptism is another subject that has caused a lot of discussion between me and my new friends here. The Baptists are always so sure theirs is the only Scriptural position and that we have cooked up our ideas out of our own heads without a vestige of Biblical support. I almost feel sorry for them when they begin to get that puzzled, almost hurt expression on their faces as they begin to see that at least it may be the other way around. There are four tracts I'd like to write some day, on how to deal with a Baptist (emphasis on the last "ist"), an anti-Sabbatarian, a Dispensationalist, and an unbeliever. And yet the Mission, knowing my unqualified position in all of these things, not only allows but even urges all its adherents in this vicinity to come to my services and meetings whenever possible.

I have sent you a number of photographs with this letter and I think they will prove interesting.

Number 1 is one of the earliest services I held on this island—really in the "rough" after having been kept up almost the whole night before by our "friends". The chief petty officer on the right in front is quite appropriately armed for those days.

Number 2 is the same tent a little later. It was used for recreational purposes and for our library, when not in use as a church. Although it doesn't show clearly, I am holding a native-designed and carved cane, inlaid with metal from a downed Zero.

Number 3 is an admittedly posed

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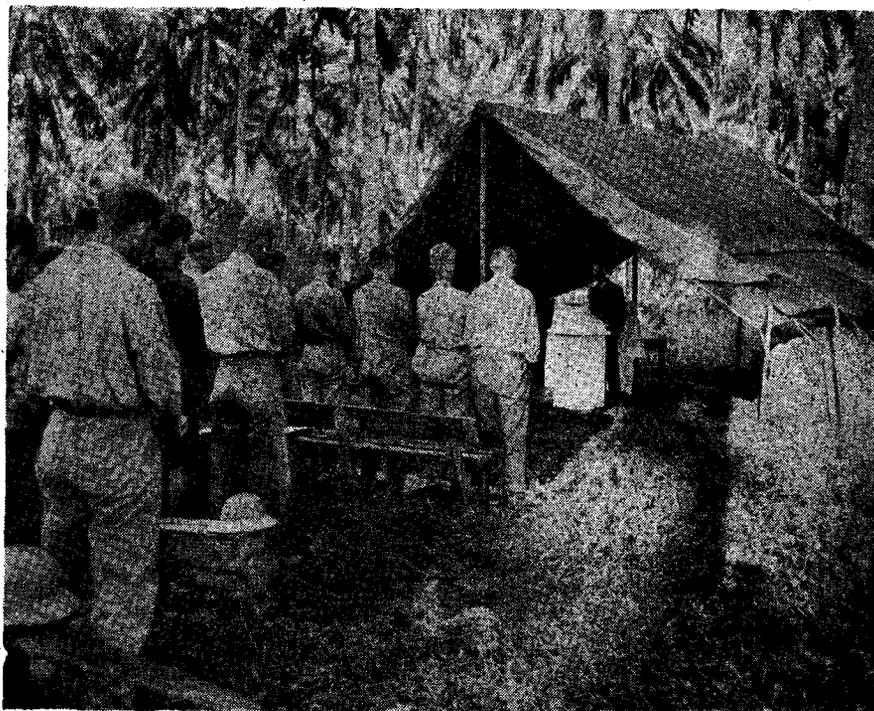
picture. That is an American Bible Society Bible. I'm holding, from the battalion library, but the picture could just as well be a scene of my teaching a daily Bible class. As a matter of fact, however, my Bible classes are always held in the evening. Incidentally, I've shaved off my goatee, leaving only my mustache.

Number 4 is a grand group of men gathered atop my foxhole which, if it could speak, could tell you some interesting and thrilling things. Ray Brink (second from the right) is not only a wonderful Christian but also absolutely indispensable in my work. He is a Lutheran Swede but is completely Calvinistic now.

Number 5 is one of my prize pictures, showing me with my brand-new jeep in front of one of the most famous and most photographed places on this island, which happens to be run by our battalion. I'm sorry it is marred, but the damage is in the negative and can't be remedied.

A camp scene is shown in Number 6. Here is our galley and enlisted men's mess hall, with Ray beside the "dishwasher"; also, you can see a typical "chow-line".

Number 7 is one of the pictures I told you about. At Ray's left is our beloved Shebuel. He was a soldier then, but has finished his term and is now a native laborer. One day Ray noticed three marks on his rifle butt and learned for the first time that Shebuel had taken care of three



No. 1. One of the first services held on the island.

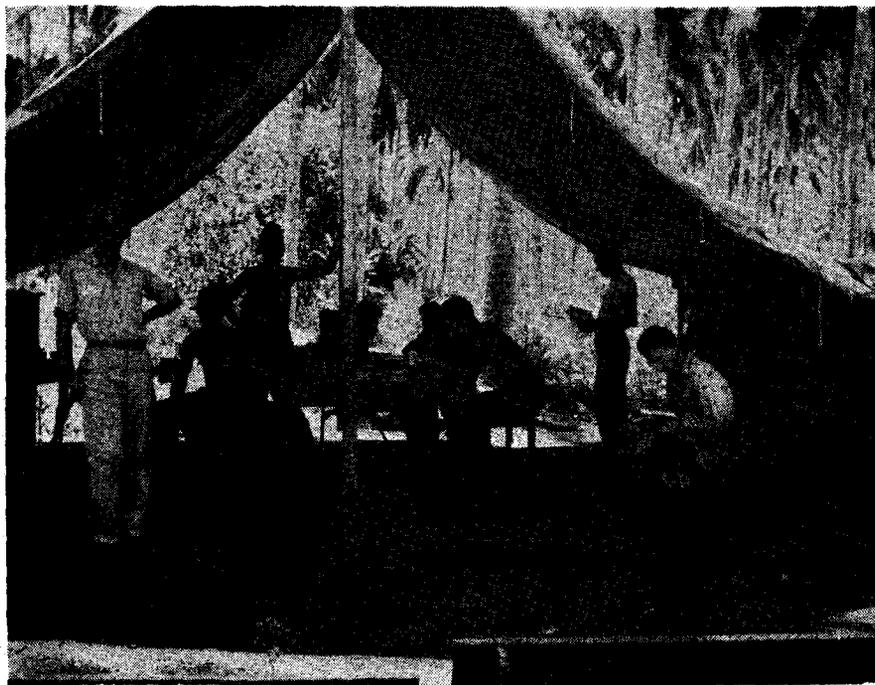
"friends" on jungle patrols—he'd never mentioned it before. I wonder how many American lives he saved by doing it. To Shebuel's left is Amon, a fine bright Christian and rather handsome for these natives. He was the British captain's orderly, so wears a special belt and bayonet. On Ray's right is Jared, and on his right is one of the finest and most respected

Christians in all these islands, John Maidola, who had just come over as one of the appointed elders of the church to strengthen the brethren brought over here as soldiers and laborers. John is a subscriber to *THE PRESBYTERIAN GUARDIAN*! He is a real man of God. His prayers were marvelous, as were those of the three other native elders or pastors and teachers who accompanied him. They only stayed about a week, but we had them with us four or five times and it was a real benediction.

Number 8 shows a large group of Christian natives, with dear Shebuel kneeling in front.

Number 9 is my pride and joy—our new chapel. It was completed Good Friday afternoon, and that evening we held our first service in it—a combined Good Friday and dedication service. It really has to be seen to be appreciated. It has become the second most-photographed place on the island. The inside is painted exactly the right shade of sky-blue and the deck is a darker blue. The pews, which were not completed until about a month later, are a dark red. By the kind providence of God, we have only once been rained out of our outdoor service and that was a small afternoon overflow service. More recently, we've laid a much nicer coral ground surface in front of the chapel, and landscaped around it very prettily.

Number 10 is considered by many



No. 2. The same tent, a little later. Chaplain Wade is at the left.



No. 3. Chaplain Wade reading the Bible at his pulpit.



No. 4. Four friends rest on Chaplain Wade's foxhole.

to be one of the most valuable pictures, from a non-military standpoint, that have been taken on this island, so much so that the negative, though carefully guarded, was finally stolen.

Thousands of dollars worth of this picture have been made and sold. In it I am baptizing my yeoman, Earl Ratliff, who had only recently been gloriously saved in my tent. The sacra-

ment of baptism preceded the sermon, and up to this time the sun had not shone and it almost seemed gloomy. Just as I was baptizing Earl, it broke through the clouds beautifully, like the very smile of God upon His sacred ordinance. It was strikingly noticeable to everyone, and the picture captures a bit of it. Then the sun stayed out during the rest of the service.

Before I close, I have one thing more to say. I know that the people and the churches at home want to feel that they're doing something more, something tangible, for their boys and their own chaplains; and so I'm going to make a frank appeal. I have tried for almost a year to get the Navy to send me one of its regular issued communion sets and also one of its altar sets. But I have had no success. And I need them very much. Especially must I have a communion set, for I have to borrow one every time I hold communion. I have a particular kind in mind, and my wife knows just what I want, so that if the GUARDIAN would be willing to receive contributions for this purpose and forward them to her, she could purchase it and send it on to me as soon as the needed sum were re-



No. 5. Chaplain Wade and his new jeep. Note sign in the background.



ceived. If you feel that such an appeal would be misunderstood or become an offense in any way, please don't publish it. But I really think a lot of churches and church members who would be glad of a concrete and specific gift they could have a part in giving to help in this glorious work among their own boys.

And now, thank you for everything. My love to all the brethren and my constant daily prayers for you, dear yokefellow in the gospel and service of the King.

As ever in Him,

LYNNE

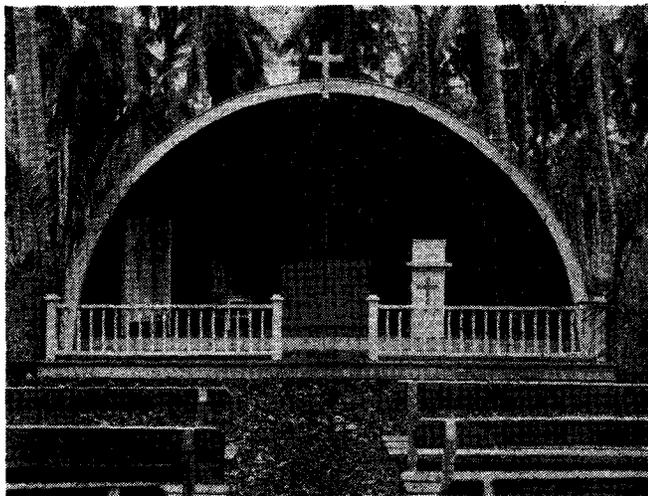
No. 6. (Left) The camp at mess call. The galley and enlisted men's mess hall.



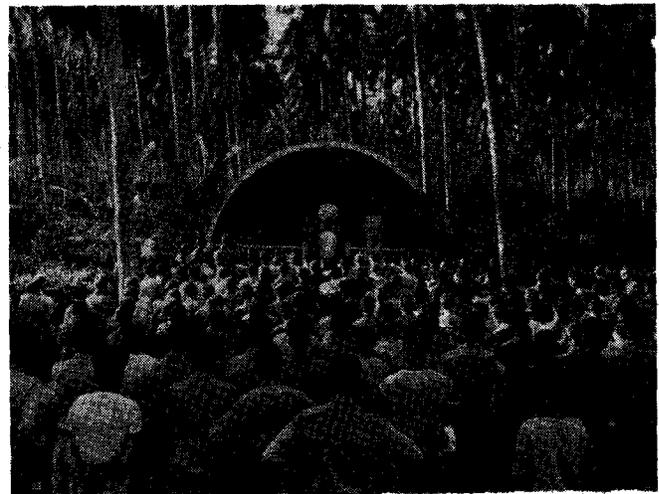
No. 7. Ray Brink with a group of native Christians.



No. 8. A larger group of natives, Shebuel in front.



No. 9. The new chapel, replacing the former tent.



No. 10. A believer receives the sacrament of baptism.

# In Memoriam

## Gold Stars in the Orthodox Presbyterian Service Flag



2nd Lt. Elmer M. Simpson

**T**HE following men have given their lives in the service of their country. This Service Men's Number of THE PRESBYTERIAN GUARDIAN would be incomplete without the story of their heroism and sacrifice. Most, but not quite all, of them were communicant members of The Orthodox Presbyterian Church, but all were closely and intimately associated with the life of the church and their loss to the entire denomination is a keen one.

**Second Lieutenant Elmer M. Simpson, AAF**, united with Gethsemane Church, Philadelphia, by letter while he was in the service, and his constant testimony was that he was drawn closer than ever before to his Lord and Saviour while in the service.

Prior to his enlistment in August, 1941, he was employed as a clerk in a chain food store in Philadelphia. He started as a mechanic in the Air Force, but attended school and earned his commission as a bombardier. Early last October he was killed when a four-engined bomber in which he was riding crashed five miles south of Clovis, N. M.

**Lieutenant Frank J. Remein, AAF**, son of Ruling Elder Frank Remein of Memorial Church, Rochester, was instantly killed in an airplane accident near Shreveport, La., early on the morning of February 28, 1943, while instructing students in navigation.

Lt. Remein had been a student at Calvin College, Grand Rapids, before entering the service. He won his wings as navigator in September, 1941, and, in recognition of scholarship and leadership at Camp Hondo, Tex., became instructor in navigation.

Lt. Remein was a cousin of Lt. Quentin Remein, USA, who took part in several campaigns in the Southwest Pacific. Quentin was seriously wounded and sent to Walter Reed hospital, where he is now a patient. Both Frank and Quentin were students at Calvin College at the time of entering the service. Frank was and Quentin is a member of the Fuller Avenue Christian Reformed Church. Both are Rochester boys and, through blood ties (both fathers are elders of Memorial Church) and ties of life-long friendship and former membership in the Young Men's Society, they are very closely connected with the church.

**Lt. Douglas Turner, AAF**, a member of Beverly Church, Los Angeles, was reported missing in action on June 22, 1943. He had seen three weeks of service overseas as a bombardier when he was killed somewhere over Belgium. Memorial services were held at Beverly Church on October 17, 1943.

**William Young, NAF**, a member of Covenant Church, Vineland, N. J., lost his life in action in the Southwest Pacific during the campaign for Guadalcanal. He was a Naval aviator, and was reported lost in December, 1942.

He had attended Sunday school at Covenant Church, and became a communicant member on the day the congregation entered and dedicated its present church home. He had been in the Navy since 1938, and was praised as a fine Christian young man.

**Lieutenant George Waldron Petersen, AAF**, a member of Calvary Church, Middletown, Pa., confessed his faith in Christ as Saviour and was publicly received as a communicant member in May, 1942. Shortly thereafter he was transferred to another field. Word received during the next few months indicated that Lt. Petersen and his wife were engaged in daily study of the Bible. Then, in November of 1942, a telegram arrived stating that he had been killed in an airplane crash while piloting a transport ship.



Lt. Frank J. Remein

During a routine flight, he was caught in a severe storm in the southern part of the country, and it is thought that his plane was struck by lightning. A son, George Waldron III, was born to Mrs. Petersen in the spring of 1943.

**Lieutenant W. Clayton Ellis, AAF**, of Second Parish Church, Portland, Me., was killed in action over Corsica on November 14, 1943. He was a pilot in the Army Air Corps, and had been stationed in North Africa for several months prior to his death. Lt. Ellis was awarded the Purple Heart posthumously.

**Harold Jackson Strait, AAF**, a charter member of Covenant Church, Indianapolis, was inducted into the Army Air Force in April, 1943. On May 4th at St. Petersburg, Fla., he was stricken with meningitis and died within twenty-four hours. He was superintendent of the Sunday school, and his widow, his mother and his sister are also charter members.

Although specific information is not available at the time of going to press, THE PRESBYTERIAN GUARDIAN wishes also to include in this column the two sons of Mrs. Annie Langley, a member of Calvary Church, Wildwood, N. J. Both of her only sons have been reported lost, one on Guadalcanal and one in a Flying Fortress over Germany. Mrs. Langley is confident that both were Christians.

# The Presbyterian Guardian

## EDITORIAL

### A Letter to Lynne

**D**ear Lynne: Although this letter is addressed to you, it's not just for you alone. Rather, it's for all our boys and girls, "in the air, on land, and sea". Show it to them, won't you, and let them know how much they are in our thought and prayers, our hopes and our wishes.

There were a few parts of your letter I didn't print. Those were the intimate, personal words that told me, though you may not have realized it, of the loneliness, the homesickness, the yearning for a glimpse of your family, for lights that weren't perpetually blacked out, for blue skies that would not suddenly belch death and destruction upon those beneath. These are the things you wanted, and none of us can give them to you. We can give you only the little things. We'll see that you get that communion set, and that all the boys overseas get their GUARDIANS by air mail. That's little enough for us to do. But those other things will have to wait awhile.

Tonight I feel closer to you and to all those other friends of ours than I have ever felt before. I stood, a half hour ago, at the window and watched the moon rise on the other side of my peaceful village. Stars were powdering the sky and the wind carried a whisper of frost to come. The lights of an occasional car punctured the sable darkness, creeping, it seemed, from the eternity behind us to the eternity ahead. Suddenly I remembered that off there beyond the night, beyond even the sunset, were you and Shebuel and Ray and all the rest, perhaps at that very moment praying to God for His grace and mercy and sovereign benediction upon your loved ones, upon all your friends at home, perhaps even upon me.

I was humbled and ashamed. My faith had been so very weak and the fire of my devotion to God a mere ember. Oh, of course I was a Calvinist—only, in the storm and stress of these days, I had so often yielded to the temptation not to live like one. I think there are many of us who

have yielded to the same temptation. Of course we believe in the sovereignty of God—but we worry about a thousand things. We worry about the war and tomorrow's headlines, we worry about the office or the shop and its hundreds of new problems, we worry about our families, about budgets and rationing and draft classifications. In short, we live in the same mental state as our nonchristian neighbors.

Yet, even from a worldly standpoint, what reason have we for worry which could compare with the reasons that surround you each day of your life? There are no Zeros overhead. No little yellow men lurk in the darkness behind our houses. No bombs ever scream from the calm sky overhead. Those things are your daily companions, and the face of Death is a face you know well. But for us, they are only vague unrealities and the misty face of a dream. Of all the peoples of the earth, we in America are most blest. We are most blest not because we have deserved God's blessing but because in His sovereign and inscrutable wisdom it has pleased Him to bless us.

I think that perhaps our difficulty has been this: It was hard for us to realize that the God who is sovereign over the nations, who holds the stars in their courses, who rules the winds and the waves, was yet concerned with the smallest detail of His children's lives. In all the immensity of this great conflict, you and I seemed so indescribably inconsequential. What did it matter what happened to us while nations drowned in a sea of blood, while whole peoples were wiped from the face of the earth forever, while cities smoldered in the ashes of devastation?

Thus did we strip God of His sovereignty. Thus did we rob Him of His infinite and eternal Lordship—Lordship not only over the affairs of nations but over the minutiae of our own lives also. Tonight He is beside you, somewhere in the South Pacific, as He is beside me here. He is your constant companion there, as He is mine at home. Only with Him are we safe. Nowhere else in all the world is there any safety, but under His wings shall we trust.

Some of us have loved ones who are fighting by your side. To them we send a Christian greeting. We pray that the all-powerful God may strengthen their arm in the battle, may watch over them with the tenderness of a loving Father, and in His own good time return them safely to

us. For those who have never known our Saviour, we pray that the Holy Spirit may with irresistible and sovereign grace enlighten their hearts and minds and draw them into the eternal fold of the redeemed.

There is so little, really, that we can do to help you and those other friends of ours who are with you. Yet even that little we have failed to do. On the material side, there are those letters we have been too busy to write; the war bonds we have failed to buy; the Red Cross and War Chest campaigns we have sometimes sidestepped; the blood bank to which we have failed to contribute regularly; the salvage drives with which we have cooperated only half-heartedly. When we remember that you have laid your very lives upon the altar of our future as a free people, of the future of our children, and of the future of our children's children, the sting of shame is upon us. But even had our faithfulness in these matters been above reproach, there would yet remain one thing more—one thing so all-important that it is incredible that we who call ourselves Christians have been unfaithful in it.

That all-important thing is prayer. Not the occasional and halfhearted prayer with which we are all so familiar, but wholesouled fervent prayer without ceasing, prayer that grows strong beneath the very weight of its burden, prayer that reaches out across time and space to call down upon you God's blessing, prayer which enfolds you in the embrace of an all-wise Father, in the protection of eternal love. That, I think, is the way you have prayed for us, not once but many, many times. And that is the way we shall pray for you now—for you, and you, and you, in the steaming jungles, on the treacherous seas, in the burning desert, along the uncharted paths of the sky, wherever you may be. We shall meet together around the throne of grace, we shall join our hearts at the only fountainhead of life, of strength, and of hope.

And one day the sweet bells of peace will ring again on the earth and our lives be united here once more. There will be laughter again, and joy in the souls of men. There will be hymns of gladness on a million tired lips. We will clasp you by the hand then, and try to tell you a little of what is in our overflowing hearts. We think you will understand.

Your brother in Christ Jesus,

TOM  
—T. R. B.

## Westminster Men in the Armed Forces

**T**HERE are twenty Westminster men acting as chaplains in the armed forces of the United Nations, and four others who are in combat duty and in the intelligence service. It is contrary to government regulations to identify the exact places where these men are serving, but we can say that eight are in the Pacific area, six are on the European front and ten are in this country or Canada. Their names are: Harry Reinier Boer; Henry Clifford Bristow; Charles Dana Chrisman; Alexander Kay Davison; Andrew Culver Gordon; Claude Edgar Hayward; Lawrence Harold Jongewaard; Delbert Peter Jorgensen; Joseph Kamphuis; W. Peter Katt; Frank Albert Lawrence; Stewart Keller Lewis; Reginald Heber McIlwaine; Richard James Miller; James Erskine Moore; Arend Roskamp; William Theodore Strong; Henry R. Van Til; John Cornelius Verbrugge; Frederick Volbeda; Edwin Lynne Wade; Sungsoo Whang; and Charles Edgar Wideman.

Some of these men have been under fire and have helped to care for the wounded on the battlefield. They have found that the gospel of Jesus Christ which they learned so well at Westminster has been the one real comfort for the soldiers and sailors under all circumstances.

For their practical outworking, some minor phases of instruction received at Westminster Seminary may have to await my return to a normal, peacetime pastorate. But the great essentials abide. At Westminster I learned above all else the fullness of the gospel of Christ and how to declare it. For many months my pulpit has been the soil beneath my feet, my church ceiling the open canopy of heaven. I have been privileged to preach to our fighting men under all conditions and surrounded on every side by innumerable dangers. But through all there has been one message, however brief—the eternal gospel of our Redeemer.

My apparatus is slender. It consists of a small Bible, a Greek Testament and the Westminster Shorter Catechism. Not once or twice has my morning meditation, in a lightless dugout, centered around some question and answer. What fields, exegetical and historical, are opened up by such questions as 4, 7, 21, 23 and many others! What a body of divinity, what a heritage is ours, preserved and embodied in the system taught at Westminster!

Westminster tends to spoil a man. It created in me an appetite for the great Reformed theologians, which I am not at the present able to gratify. The most cherished memory I have of my work overseas is that of standing where Augustine stood and of preaching to hundreds of American and British soldiers, amid the ruins of fifteen centuries, that very gospel which the greatest of the Latin Fathers preached to the people of his day. I say a profound "Thank God for Westminster Seminary on the battle fronts".

ALEXANDER K. DAVISON,  
Chaplain, U. S. Army.

During more than a year overseas, ministering to the men of the Army, the value and soundness of my days of preparation at Westminster Seminary has been apparent. It has been a joy to preach to men, in groups varying in size from half a dozen to more than twelve hundred, the thing they need, and surprisingly the thing they want—the gospel of the grace of God. These services have been in strange places and often under difficult circumstances—thirty-six of them were held under enemy fire—yet the faith in which I was rooted and grounded at Westminster has never failed. I am sure that the discipline, devotion and fellowship of my student days have been great strengthening factors during the crises and dangers of the past year. May God's rich blessing and peace be Westminster's portion in the year ahead.

H. CLIFFORD BRISTOW,  
Chaplain, U. S. Army.

Having served in the Army of the United States for ten months, I am prepared to state that my training at Westminster has assisted me immeasurably in the various contacts with the men. For four months I served in the Communications Platoon, Rgt. Hq. Co., 310th Infantry. While the training schedule was extremely heavy, yet there was always time for "gab fests". There I came into contact with a great many divergent views, as can well be imagined. In dealing with the university and college men, especially, I was grateful indeed that I was able to present to them the Reformed Christian position so ably and faithfully taught at Westminster. I used everything—Apologetics, Homiletics, Greek, Systematic Theology, Church History, Exegesis and all the rest.

In addition to the private and group talks with the men, I have been privileged several times to preach to them in the regimental chapel and in some of the

churches in D—. Here the seminary training I received at Westminster stood me in very good stead indeed. I was happy to realize that I had a message of salvation in Christ for them, a Christ who is the eternal Son of God, and not a mere man. I was happy that I could give them a sovereign God who was not slack concerning His promises and who still ruled the affairs of men. In short, I was glad that I had a message founded upon God's holy Word, and not one lost in the vagaries of human philosophy.

For the past three months, I have been assigned for duty at the Regimental Chapel where I am able to reach even more men. It has become more and more apparent to me that training such as that received at Westminster is all too unique. There is now, and there shall be even more so in the days which lie ahead, a vital and pressing need for the full-orbed gospel. I thank almighty God for Westminster Seminary where this gospel is taught, and pray that He will send from her doors many men who have there learned to preach the whole counsel of God, declaring this changeless Word in this world of change.

STEWART LEWIS,  
Corporal, U. S. Army.

The most pressing problem for the man caught in this war is the meaning of present-day history. The terrible hardships, the actions of governments professing the highest ideals and yet seemingly guided by expediency, the personal tragedy it is proving for a great multitude, all together constitute a staggering problem to the man looking for the rationale of present-day world life. Westminster gives such a solution in its emphasis upon the Biblical conception of a sovereign God. True, it is not an easy faith, but it is the only logical alternative to fatalistic resignation or despair. In the second place, Westminster gives the conviction, which the world situation abundantly confirms, that the only hope of the human race is the gospel of Jesus Christ in the family, church, and state.

A. CULVER GORDON,  
Chaplain, U. S. Army,  
Somewhere in the Aleutians.

In my work as a chaplain, coming in contact with men from many walks of life and from a wide diversity of background, I have discovered anew that the grand old gospel has to offer to men what they need most. The training afforded me at Westminster Seminary has helped materially to put the backbone of solid conviction into my preaching of that gospel. The manifold experiences of war subject men to severe and soul-shaking strain, but

he whose faith is anchored to the Bible as the inspired Word of God will come through with the victory.

WILLIAM T. STRONG,  
Chaplain, USNR.

From my experience with the men in uniform, I find that the Word of God receives but small attention. The majority of the men want to be regarded as Christians, but are little concerned to know what the Bible teaches about faith and

conduct. Westminster's emphasis on the centrality, authority and infallibility of the Word has helped me to see that a Bibleless Christian is a contradiction in terms. So when I talk to men about this matter, I point out that their claim of being a Christian must be founded on the Word of God.

I have also observed that many men speak very loosely and vaguely about God, and faith in God. The assumption is that everyone who says God means the same

thing. Again Westminster's emphasis upon the fact that only faith in the God of revelation is adequate helps me to lead men to think correctly about this important matter.

To put it concretely, Westminster has helped me to see the importance of these truths: the Word of God, the Incarnate Word, the Living Word, the God of the Word.

JOHN C. VERBRUGGE,  
Chaplain, U. S. Army.

## A DIRECTORY OF Orthodox Presbyterians in the Armed Forces

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ALTHOUGH every effort has been made to have this directory as complete and accurate as possible, it is not guaranteed to be without error. Omissions or inaccuracies will be corrected in later issues of the magazine, and readers are asked to remember the difficulties involved in the compilation of such a list on short notice. At the request of military authorities, addresses are not included, and information of possible value to the enemy has been carefully withheld. Moreover, only members of the denomination are here listed, since the limitations of space forbid the inclusion of non-members, much as we would have preferred to list all friends of all the churches. Asterisks (\*) indicate Guardian subscribers.

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### Presbytery of California

WESTMINSTER CHURCH, LOS ANGELES

\* Cpl. Nelson E. Turner, AAF, was inducted into the photographic division of the Army Air Corps Ground Crew in October, 1942, and since December of that year has been stationed at Deming, N. M. Before induction, he was greatly interested in the young people's activities of the church and, although not a communicant member at the time he entered the service, he was received on his first furlough last fall.

\* A/C Frank G. Sander, AAF, joined the Air Corps a year ago and is now taking cadet training. He has been a member of the church since the time of its organization.

\* Av/S Phares Z. Lefever, AAF, was inducted last July, and his ground training as an aviation student will be completed in the next few months. Prior to enlistment, he was employed at the North American Aviation Corporation. He was president of Westminster's Young People's Society.

BEVERLY CHURCH, LOS ANGELES

Cpl. John F. Sara, AAF, is now in the Army Air Corps as an assistant chaplain in England. Prior to his induction one year ago, he taught a large Sunday school class, and was president of the church's Young People's Society. At the time of entering the

service, he was studying for the ministry.

Lt. Everett W. Sara, AAF, brother of Cpl. John F. Sara, is now prepared for combat duty as a navigator, having received his wings and commission at San Marcos, Tex. Prior to induction, he often led the music at Sunday evening services and was active in the church, Sunday school and Young People's Society.

Y 1/c O. D. Brock, USN, was inducted in November, 1942. The father of a fifteen-month-old daughter, he was formerly an accountant. At present he is stationed at Norfolk, Va., but expects soon to be transferred to San Pedro, Cal.

2nd Lt. Margaret Healy Allen, ANC, formerly a surgical nurse, was inducted last December and has signed for overseas duty. Her husband is stationed somewhere in North Africa.

Mid. Jack Hofstetter, USNR, formerly a physics major at the University of Southern California, was inducted into the Naval Reserve in May, 1942, and went into uniform on July 1, 1943. He was stationed at the Norfolk Navy Yard for two months and is now attending Columbia University as a midshipman. He was always active and faithful at the services of Beverly Church. He was secretary of the Sunday school for several years, president of the Young People's So-

ciety, edited the church bulletin, and was active in the Fisherman's Club.

A/C Leonard A. Hays, AAF, was studying to be a chemical engineer at Chaffee College, Ontario, Cal., when he was inducted last March. He has joined the Army Air Corps but has not yet been transferred.

COVENANT CHURCH, BERKELEY

Cpl. Harold J. Enas, AAF, entered the service a year ago at the age of twenty-one. During his training, he was able to attend the Congregational church of the Rev. W. Benson Male in Denver, Colo. He has been a member of Covenant Church since its organization seven years ago.

Pvt. Jeffrey G. Enas, USA, brother of Cpl. Harold Enas, entered the service last November at the age of eighteen. After he completes his basic training, he is listed for schooling in engineering. He has been a member and pianist of Covenant Church for several years.

GRACE CHURCH, LOS ANGELES

Pvt. Robert Browning, USA, is attached to the station hospital at Camp Cook, Cal. He and his mother, Mrs. Frances Browning, were in large measure responsible for the organization of Grace Church. For a year or more, they held Sunday school in their own home and, from that school, Grace

Church was formed under the guidance of the Rev. Floyd E. Hamilton.

\* Pvt. George Miles, AAF, is stationed at the hospital at Santa Ana. He was recently received by letter from the Covenant Church of Berkeley.

#### WESTMINSTER CHURCH, BEND, OREGON

\* RM 2/c Bruce P. Abelein, USCG, enlisted in 1939. Recently in the North Pacific, his ship survived a severe storm that flooded hatchways and lower decks.

\* S/Sgt. Robert F. Barnes, AAF, enlisted in the Air Corps in 1940 and received training at Hamilton and March Fields in California. Soon after Pearl Harbor, he was sent to Australia and then to India. Later he volunteered for special service in China, where he is now stationed. He is an airplane mechanic. In civilian life, he was a member of the choir and one of the faithful young men of the church.

\* S 2/c Donald L. Braid, USN, enlisted last September and received basic training at Farragut, Idaho. He is now awaiting further orders.

PFC Thomas P. Carroll, USA, was inducted in the fall of 1942 and has seen service overseas.

\* Sgt. George D. Coe, AAF, was inducted in the spring of 1942 and is an airplane mechanic. In San Antonio last December he married Louise McCallum, a member of Westminster Church. Before entering the service, he was a deacon in the church, teacher of a boys' class in the Sunday school, and sang in the choir.

\* S 2/c Jack Coleman, USN, after two years of college, was inducted last October and had basic training at Farragut, Idaho. He is now engaged in pre-radio technician training.

\* Pvt. Norman D. Coleman, USA, attended Wheaton College for nearly two years prior to his induction last July. He is now taking specialized training in army engineering. Before entering the service, he was active in the work of the church, and in 1941 served as president of the presbytery's Machen League. Last spring he was taken under care of presbytery as a ministerial candidate.

\* Sgt. John T. Dunn, AAF, was a member of the National Guard before enlistment in the Air Corps in 1940. He was at March Field for a time, and then took two special courses for mechanics. At the time of the attack on Pearl Harbor, he was four hundred miles from the Pacific Coast and his ship was forced to turn back. In Janu-

ary, 1942, he went first to Australia and from there to India. While in India he has worshiped in Scottish and Welsh Presbyterian churches, and has had the privilege of Christian fellowship with a number of missionaries.

\* Pvt. Lynn E. Everson, USA, was an engineer for the State Highway Department and is now receiving further engineering training. He was a trustee of the church prior to his induction last September.

S 2/c David C. Graham, USN, is now studying radio at Boulder, Colo., after completing basic training at Farragut, Idaho. He studied at Oregon State College prior to his induction last August.

Lt. (j.g.) Ralph E. Grimes, USNR, was an insurance salesman before his enlistment just after Pearl Harbor. Recently, when no chaplain was available, he conducted a Christmas service with every one of his men and a number of others in attendance. He was treasurer of Westminster Church.

\* Ens. Frances Grimes, USNR, sister of Ralph Grimes, is a graduate nurse who enlisted in the Navy in the fall of 1942. She first served in the Naval Hospital in Seattle and then was sent overseas to "somewhere in New Zealand". In a recent letter, she wrote, "No matter how strange the circumstances, a Christian has much to rejoice over and much for which to give thanks. We can certainly say, 'Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift'".

\* MoMM 2/c John L. Henderson, USN, enlisted shortly after the United States entered the war. He has been able to take advantage of several special training courses and has seen service in several major naval engagements in the Pacific.

\* RM 2/c Cecil L. Hill, USN, completed a four-year enlistment a few months before Pearl Harbor. Called back into service, he spent several months on a minesweeper and is now somewhere in the Pacific as a radio-man. He has experienced real war, and once landed on an island with his only weapon a jackknife!

\* S 2/c Alfred W. Kitchen, USN, had been employed as a machinist at Boeing Aircraft, Seattle, for one and a half years. Inducted in June, 1943, he took his basic training at Farragut, Idaho, and is now studying to be an aviation machinist at Norman, Okla.

\* S/Sgt. R. E. Minnick, AAF, is with the 19th Photo Charting Squadron at Bradley Field, Conn. He clerked in a local grocery store before his induction in the early spring of 1942.

Elvin E. York, USN, has just left for Portland, Ore., to complete his enlistment examinations, after being accepted at the local recruiting station as an enlistee in the Navy.

#### Presbytery of the Dakotas

##### CALVARY CHURCH, VOLGA, S. D.

\* Cpl. Glenn Thompson, USA, was raised in a Roman Catholic home in North Dakota and came to Volga about eight years ago with a harvest crew. He was converted and united with the church in 1938. In February, 1941, he enlisted and, the following January, landed in Ireland with the first troops to cross the ocean. He followed the invasion forces in North Africa and Italy. More than once, since entering the service, he has read the Bible in its entirety. "My faith in the Lord is as strong as ever", he writes, "and the army can't change that. In Him is our only hope of salvation".

Cpl. Gordon E. Halverson, USA, was received in 1939 by letter from the Bancroft (S. D.) Church. In 1942 he studied airplane construction and later worked in an airplane factory at San Diego, California. In the fall of 1942 he was inducted into the Army Air Force and received his wings at Hobbs Air Base, New Mexico, where he is at present stationed.

John Appel, USN, was inducted into the Navy on January 13th of this year and left five days later to start training. His wife and their two small sons remain at home to cheer his furloughs.

##### BETHEL CHURCH, CARSON, N. D.

Pvt. William F. Huber, USA, an elder of the church, was inducted last October. He had been superintendent of the Bethel Sunday school. Prior to his induction, he was bulk salesman for the Standard Oil Company in Carson and, for several months, was employed by the Minneapolis-Honeywell Corporation. His wife, who also was actively interested in the Carson church, is now living in Minneapolis, while he is stationed at Camp Callan, San Diego.

##### FIRST CHURCH, LARK, N. D.

S 2/c Gerritt Vanden Burg, USN, enlisted in October, 1942. After basic training at Great Lakes Naval Training Station and a short furlough, he was sent to Boston for further schooling. He is at present on sea duty on a cruiser. Before his induction, he assisted his father on a farm near Lark.

**FIRST CHURCH, LEITH, N. D.**

\* AMM 2/c Ray C. Kamrath, USN, enlisted in January, 1941, and, after basic training at Great Lakes, was sent to Pensacola for further training. At present, he is serving with a ground crew at a Naval air station. During a recent furlough with relatives, he visited the First Church of Waterloo, Iowa. Before his induction he assisted his parents with the work on their farm near Elgin, N. D.

\* Lemuel Jones, USN, was sent on sea duty shortly after completing basic training in 1941. Since his ship is not based in the United States, it is almost three years since his last furlough. When the President's report on Pearl Harbor was made public, it was learned that his ship had been damaged on December 7, 1941. Prior to his enlistment, he was engaged in farming.

\* A/C Robert Wachsmann, USA, was inducted in October, 1942, and received his basic training at Atlantic City, N. J. After further training, he successfully passed examinations for pilots' training and is now an air cadet at Maxwell Field, Alabama. As a civilian, he worked in a defense plant in Alliance, Ohio. He was married three months before induction.

**BISMARCK CHAPEL, BISMARCK, N. D.**

Curtiss A. Balcom, USN, is now stationed in Italy and took part in the major landing at Salerno. Latest word received by his parents, the Rev. and Mrs. C. A. Balcom, states that he is "getting along well and in very good health". His work is concerned with the amphibious landing of troops and materiel.

**JENNINGS CHURCH, OMAHA, NEBR.**

PFC Arthur Hammond, USA, was formerly the Sunday school superintendent. His last letter to his pastor, the Rev. Robert B. Brown, was written from a foxhole in Italy where he was wondering if his father had drained his car radiator back in chilly Nebraska. He has maintained an active interest in his home church.

Lt. Vance E. Senter, USN, is an outstanding Christian leader who was very active in the work of the church. He has specialized in aviation medicine, and has won his wings. It is his practice to pray before performing any operation.

Ensign Jack L. Jorgensen, USN, is now stationed at Cornell College, Mt. Vernon, Iowa.

S 1/c Royce J. Potter, USN, is now on duty on the high seas.

PFC William Leigh, USA, is "some-

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Bos'n Richard Potter, USMM, is on duty in the Atlantic.

**TRINITY CHURCH, BRIDGEWATER, S. D.**

Cpl. Lester H. Graber, USA, is in Pueblo, Colorado.

F 3/c Marvin P. Brown, USN, is at the Naval Training School at St. Louis.

**WESTMINSTER CHURCH, HAMILL, S. D.**

\* T/Cpl. Blain Clestine Fenenga, USA, entered the service before Pearl Harbor. He is "somewhere in the Pacific".

\* Sgt. Wilmer Nelson Jones, USA, was a farmer before his induction in 1942. At present he is in the European theatre.

\* T/4 Lynus Albert Carlson, USA, formerly the rural mail carrier, is overseas.

\* Pvt. Thurlow Kenneth Fenenga, USA, is in the European area.

\* Cpl. Robert Henry Sneathen, USA, is also in the European zone.

\* PhM 2/c John Eric Wickstrom, USN, was a teacher before he entered the service and was sent to Long Beach, California.

**MURDOCH MEMORIAL CHURCH, BANCROFT, S. D.**

PFC Maynard Muilenburg, USA, has served in the North African, Sicilian and Italian campaigns and is still at the front. He has been in the service three years.

S/Sgt. Donald A. Costello, AAF, stationed in India with the Air Force, has been hospitalized after a crack-up.

F/O Norman Custard, AAF, is also in India and is reported to have met Sgt. Costello there.

Lt. James Riddle, USA, is a member of the Military Police in Newfoundland.

L. J. Custard, USA, was given a medical discharge.

**MANCHESTER CHURCH, MANCHESTER, S. D.**

Lt. Glenn F. Ritterbusch, AAF, was a member of the ROTC unit at South Dakota State College and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant at the time of his graduation. While preparing for overseas service, he was stricken with a peculiar type of paralysis and, although recovered, expects to be assigned to intelligence work as he is not allowed to fly again.

T/Cpl. Robert V. Anderson, AAF, has been in the Hawaiian Islands as an instructor in the Air Force Electronic School since 1942.

**YALE CHURCH, YALE, S. D.**

Cpl. Arthur A. Bemis, USMC, is doing clerical work somewhere in the Hawaiian Islands.

**Presbytery of New Jersey**

**FAITH CHURCH, PITTSBORO**

Pvt. Clara Van Culin, WAC, is the latest member of the church to join the armed forces. Since the time of her conversion, she was very active in the church, and for the past two years she has taught in the primary department of the Sunday school. She was also very active in the Machen League. Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia, is her present station.

PFC Edward H. Botbyl, USMC, is the son of a veteran who saw action on five fronts in World War I. He worked as a welder for the New York Shipbuilding Company in Camden until his induction in April, 1943, and is now stationed in San Diego, California.

T/Sgt. Aaron Botbyl, USA, entered the service in October, 1942, and was advanced to his present rating in less than six months. He is the only married member of the church now in the service, and is the father of a one-and-a-half-year-old son. Very active in the church, he was a member of the men's quartet, a teacher in the Sunday school, and president of the Machen League. He is now overseas in the Pacific area.

\* PFC George Botbyl, USA, was the first of the church members to enter the service. Ready to sail for Hawaii on December 7, 1941, he was delayed several weeks. He served for a year in Hawaii and is now in action against the enemy in the South Pacific. He is a brother of Sgt. Aaron Botbyl.

PFC Harold Trumbull, USA, worked at DuPont's before being inducted in April, 1943. At present he is stationed in Warrensburg, Mo.

Pvt. Irving S. Wood, USA, was inducted in June, 1943, and is serving somewhere in the European area.

#### GRACE CHURCH, TRENTON

Harley F. Parker, USA, is making use of his mechanical abilities in the Ordnance division. His job is keeping tanks in order for trainees at Fort Knox, Ky.

#### COVENANT CHURCH, EAST ORANGE

\* Pvt. William H. Anderson, USA, is a graduate of Wheaton College and had planned to enter Westminster Seminary. He is now training at Reed College, Portland, Ore.

MM 2/c A. J. Carson, USN, has been a member of Covenant Church for more than a year. He is now in the central Pacific.

S 2/c C. R. Freytag, USN, was very active in the church before he entered Wheaton College. He left school in his sophomore year to join the Navy and is now in the Aleutians.

PhM 3/c Henry F. Huneke, Jr., USN, signed up recently to remain in the Navy. He is taking a course in dentistry at the Brooklyn Naval Hospital, and plans to make dentistry his life work.

AR William LaVigne, USN, was the first member of Covenant Church to join the Navy. He has been at the Naval Air Base in Alameda, Cal., since 1939.

Y 3/c F. C. Metzger, USNR, has been active in all departments of the church and a leader among the young people. At present he is able to attend the church fairly regularly. Before joining the Navy in June, 1942, he was in the Pennsylvania Railroad office in New York City.

A/C John Sauer, USNR, is a former president of the Machen League. After serving in the Coast Guard, he was transferred to the Naval Air Corps and is now located in Russellville, Ark.

T/3 Dean B. Smith, USA, had just been graduated from Wheaton College and was active in the church when he entered the service. His letters tell of God's faithfulness to him in far-off India.

Pvt. Robert Taylor, USA, is "somewhere in the Pacific area".

#### CALVARY CHURCH, WILDWOOD

Lt. Jack James, USN, was graduated from Annapolis just as the war broke out and has seen service in the Mediterranean on a destroyer. At home on furlough during the illness and death of his wife, he is now waiting to enter a Naval class in flying.

Lt. George M. James, USA, was graduated from Drexel Institute and entered officers' training school. He is now training men at Camp Pickett, Virginia.

S/Sgt. Charles E. Blinn, Jr., USA, was active in the Machen League and other church activities until he entered the service nearly two years ago. While training in Texas, he acquired a Texas wife. Apparently he is on permanent duty in Pecos, Tex.

MoM 2/c Edward M. Braidwood, USCG, was converted, baptized, and joined the church before going overseas. He writes that it made a big change in his life. Australia is his present station.

Ens. Charles William Baechler, Jr., USN, was in the reserves when war was declared and was called immediately. Because of his ability, he was commissioned and has seen extensive action in the Mediterranean area. He was married while on a furlough.

Pvt. Raymond L. Eldredge, USA, left recently for the service and is at Camp Croft, S. C.

Pvt. Linwood B. Pangburn, USA, has only been in the army two months but writes from Fort Eustis, Virginia, that he misses the Machen League.

PFC Milton W. Heston, USA, writes that he appreciates the literature sent him monthly by the Machen League. He is on duty in Shreveport, La.

Pvt. Melvin E. Letts, USA, enjoys driving trucks for the government in Africa.

S 2/c John E. Kajander, USNR, left recently but says he is attending religious services regularly in Olathe, Kansas, where he is training in the V-5 program.

#### CALVARY CHURCH, BRIDGETON

\* Cpl. Vernon B. Eames, AAF, is in communications work with the air force, and is now in England. He formerly assisted his father in their grocery store, and is a resident of Millville, eleven miles from Bridgeton. Soon after his conversion, he became a Calvinist, and made Calvary Church his church home.

A/C Robert Lucas, AAF, is at present recovering from pneumonia. His mother is the faithful organist of the church. An able student and voracious reader, he is one of the most faithful and best-informed members of the congregation. Prior to enlistment, he was studying to be a chemical engineer.

S 2/c Clarence J. Gump, USN, who is "Jack" to his Quarryville friends,

was attending college and planning to enter Westminster Seminary. Although he could have obtained deferment, he chose to go into the service. His father is an elder of the church.

Pvt. Richard Caine, AAF, is now studying to be an airplane mechanic at Wright Field. Known for his loyalty to the church as well as his genuine cheerfulness, he was an apprentice in a local lithographing concern.

S/Sgt. Raymond H. Clark, AAF, jumped from office work to that of mechanic. He is one of the more recent members of the church, and his sister is a missionary in Brazil. His father is an elder of Calvary Church.

Sgt. William Hewitt, USA, of the records department of the Army, is now in England. He is one of the old-time members of the church, and is an organist. Prior to entering the service, he worked as a secretary in one of the large clothing manufacturing concerns in Bridgeton.

Pvt. David S. Kerr, USA, of the Medical Corps, was born in Ireland. When called for service, he was attending William Jennings Bryan University and studying medicine. He is now in England.

Pvt. Hugh Kerr, USA, brother of David, is in the artillery. He was an employee of the famous Seabrook Farms in Bridgeton.

A/S Leslie W. Gibson, Jr., USNR, is studying at Harvard under the V-12 program. Although a regular attendant since the withdrawal of the church from the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A., he has only recently become a communicant member. His father is an elder, and member of the denomination's Committee on Foreign Missions.

S/Sgt. John R. Weber, AAF, is in the radio end of the Air Corps. He was one of the best basketball players in South Jersey, and a great sportsman, hunter and fisherman.

Lt. Ralph F. Sellers, AAF, is at the Air Intelligence School in Harrisburg, Pa. He trained as a meteorologist, then air photograph interpreter, and now is in air intelligence. He was graduated from Rutgers University as a chemist and, when he has won the war, it is his ambition to continue his work in chemistry.

#### COVENANT CHURCH, VINELAND

Maj. William B. Whisonant, AAF, saw action as pilot of a fighter plane over Dieppe and in Tunisia, and as a dive-bomber in Sicily. Shot down behind German lines last July, he was reported missing. After a marvelous

escape from a burning plane, he was captured and placed in an Italian hospital, which was taken by the British Eighth Army several weeks later. After hospitalization, he was returned home in October, and is now attached to the Ferry Command. In the course of his combat experiences, he was wounded twice, and twice was awarded the Purple Heart. He received the Distinguished Flying Cross on two occasions, and has been awarded the Air Medal eight times. Major Whisonant is twenty-four years old and six feet two and a half inches tall.

T/Sgt. Alan B. Dunipace, AAF, was active in the choir and in the young people's work of the church, prior to his enlistment in 1940. He is at present stationed at Great Bend, Kansas.

Cpl. William H. Smith, USMC, was active in the Machen League. He is now a Marine stationed in Puerto Rico.

Maj. R. B. Cunningham, USA, is a dentist at the air base near Tampa, Fla. He has a son in the service, and his wife and daughter are living in Vineland.

PFC Howard E. Bowman, USA, is now "somewhere in England". He has recently made profession of his faith in Christ.

Franklin Osborn, III, USN (information on rank not available), saw action in three major naval battles in the Southwest Pacific, and in five minor skirmishes. His ship was sunk by Japanese torpedo planes, and he spent fifty-seven hours in the water, drifted to a small island, and was rescued with others from there. After a furlough last summer, he was assigned to the Atlantic fleet. He saw action in the invasion of Italy and at Naples. Later, operating with the British home fleet guarding supply lanes, his ship was attacked and badly damaged, necessitating a return to this country for extensive repairs.

T/Sgt. Roy R. Mullen, USMC, enlisted in the Marines in 1942. He was active in all the work of the church.

Lt. Jessie Koering, WAC, enlisted in the WAC's in 1942 and is at present stationed at Patterson Field, Ohio.

S 1/c Robert Ellis, USN, was inducted early last year and is now in the Southwest Pacific. He was active in all the work of the church.

PFC Glenn Stauffer, AAF, also took an active part in the life of the church prior to his induction.

Pvt. Edwin G. Pedersen, USA, was inducted early in 1943 and is with the 590th Field Artillery Battalion.

Pvt. Joseph P. Hunsberger, USA, is in the Public Relations Office at Camp Stewart, Ga.

PhM 2/c John L. Walker, USN, a new member of Covenant Church, has recently been assigned to a ship.

Pvt. James H. Patterson, USA, had completed one year at Wheaton College and was a candidate for the gospel ministry. He was active in the work of the church.

GRACE CHURCH, WESTFIELD

Lt. James E. Faw, Jr., USA, was commissioned in July, 1941, and has been engaged in overseas duty for a year and a half. He is a graduate of Georgia Tech and, despite prolonged residence in the South, has kept in touch with Grace Church during the period of its organization and con-

tinues to support it both financially and in his prayers.

\* Sgt. Robert F. Roeber, USMC, has been in the South Pacific for seventeen months. He was an active member of Grace Church and had made the pulpit furniture and many other properties for the church. Before entering the service, he was employed for several years at the Westfield Trust Company and later at the Hyatt Bearings division of General Motors.

\* S 1/c Bert Roeber, USCG, brother of Robert Roeber, entered the service in September, 1942. He is an elder of the church and, being stationed on Long Island, has been able to attend frequently. Even since his induction, he has served on the Building Committee and his help has been invaluable.

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Midshipman Hartley S. Bancroft, USN, is in his third year at the Naval Academy.

ART 3/c Irving G. Betz, USN, is taking a radio course in the V-12 program at Corpus Christi, Texas.

Wm. J. Cabaniss, USMM, training for the Merchant Marine, is in Brooklyn, N. Y.

MoMM 1/c S. Warren Cafferty, USN, is in England at an advanced amphibious training base.

S 2/c George Campbell, USCG, is on a Coast Guard patrol boat in New York harbor.

Y 2/c Irene Campbell, WAVE, is stationed in Arlington, Va.

ASR Wm. T. Cooper, USN, is in boot camp.

Cpl. Allen C. Crowe, USA, has been in Australia and is now in New Guinea.

Sgt. Eric Crowe, USA, an airplane painter in Italy, keeps his outfit "on the alert" at night by snoring and talking in his sleep.

Lt. E. K. Gentel, AAF, was graduated from navigation school with a high average and served as navigator instructor and assistant adjutant at Madras, Ore. He is awaiting further assignment.

HA 1/c Wm. Gooch, USN, has seen action in the Marshall and Gilbert Islands raids on an aircraft carrier.

MM 3/c George Hiller, USN, is in the Seabees.

Lt. Edward S. Hunt, USNR, served on mine sweepers on both coasts before taking command of a large mine sweeper in the Southwest Pacific. He is now attending sub-chaser school.

S 2/c Lehman W. Egbert, USN, has just completed boot training and is attending electrical school. At the time of his induction he was the youngest inductee from Collingswood Borough.

\*AMM 3/c Wm. H. Jennings, USN, was graduated as a naval airplane mechanic.

CmoMM J. W. Leemon, USN, received the permanent rank of Chief Petty Officer in December. He has served on a mine sweeper in the Mediterranean, but is now at sub-chaser school.

Pvt. Paul Lion, USA, has been given a medical discharge.

A/c Wm. A. Lion, AAF, qualified as a pilot in the air force.

Sgt. Robert Meade, USA. (Bio-

graphical data not available.)

Pvt. Aurel J. Pole, USMC, is in boot training with the Marine Corps Women's Reserve School.

Sgt. W. E. Neel, USA, of the Signal Corps, is at Warrenton, Va.

AMM 2/c Robert Richards, USN, was graduated as an airplane mechanic but is now a top turret gunner on a PBY.

Cpl. Rodney C. Runge, USA, received a fractured pelvic bone in enemy action and is recuperating at Fort Dix, N. J. He was very close to death and has told his mother that prayer "pulled him through".

Cpl. H. E. Savidge, USA, is serving as a water purifier in Italy.

Harold Schaeffer has a medical discharge.

Sgt. Sidney Schweim, USA, took part in attacks on some of the Pacific islands.

CPhM Jackson C. Shaw, USN, contracted a tropical disease in the Southwest Pacific but to a large extent has recovered.

A/S Paul Stauning, USN, a Navy V-12 student, is in Pre-Chaplain's school.

S 1/c Edmund Stephens, USN, is sweeping mines in the Mediterranean.

A/C Lloyd H. Taylor, AAF, is working for his pilot's wings at Waco, Tex.

Robert Thomson, USCG, is at Weymouth, Mass.

MM 2/c Wm. D. Williams, USCG, is at a repair base.

**Presbytery of New York  
and New England**

**MEMORIAL CHURCH, ROCHESTER**

Cpl. Charles F. Remein, USA, was stationed eighteen months at Fort Belvoir, Va., and is the only member of the church to meet an Orthodox Presbyterian minister while in the service—the Rev. Henry D. Phillips. He has been in England thirteen months with his topographical outfit and has visited London and Scotland.

S/Sgt. Ralph Vandenberg, USA, a faithful member of the Sunday school and the Young Men's Society, has been in the Army since 1941 and was stationed at Portland, Oregon, and Ft. Belvoir. His topographical outfit moved overseas last November, and he writes that where he is the people are dressed as in Bible lands, but they are very dirty.

Sgt. William H. Heuseveldt, USA, was the first of the Memorial Church boys to go across. He participated in the invasion of North Africa. He is now somewhere in Italy, and writes of

increased chapel attendance now that they have a "good" chaplain, a Lutheran. Attendance was poor under the former modernist chaplain. He adds, "True religion is the greatest morale builder in the Army".

Lt. Hubert Schoonhagen, USA, was president of the Choral Society and formerly very active in the Young Men's Society. His Christian character and leadership won him the acclaim of recruits he trained at Ft. Eustis, Va. With only a grammar school education, he passed Officers Candidate School and is now stationed at Camp Callan, San Diego, where he is taking an active part in the religious services.

Lt. Arthur J. Taylor, USA, is one of the most recent members of the church. Commissioned just half a year after entering the service, he spent quite some time in a Southern California desert training center, where living conditions were primitive and chapel attendance poor. He is now at Camp McCain, Mo.

PFC Peter Schumacher, USA, was an X-ray technician in the 203rd General Hospital at Ft. Lewis when his outfit was "alerted". They received as chaplain a Reformed minister, the Rev. J. DeJong, who asked Schumacher to become his assistant. Since both hold to the same Reformed doctrines, they should make a splendid team to take care of the spiritual needs of the hospital personnel and the wounded. Word has been received of safe arrival overseas.

A/C Melvin R. Vandenberg, AAF, is now at an advanced training base at Yuma, Ariz., and expects to receive his wings this month. At that time he may come home for his first furlough since entering the service fifteen months ago. Though very busy, he never neglects his religious duties.

PFC Neil Draft, USA, is one of the Military Police who saw duty in the Detroit race riots and served in several Southern camps guarding Nazi prisoners. He speaks of the prisoners as being clean and fine-appearing soldiers, but very arrogant. They still "Heil Hitler" and believe the Germans will win the war. He expects soon to sail for M.P. duties overseas.

S 1/c John Den Hamer, USCG, is the youngest member of the church in the service and the only one in the Coast Guard. For some time he has been stationed at Groton, Conn., and, although he appreciates his frequent trips home, would like to handle a landing barge.

PFC Jacob Polfeit, USA, is in the ordnance. Just before leaving for serv-

ice, he made confession of his faith. He attended Elgin Watch College and is now in North Africa, where he services airplane instruments.

**PFC Harold Rosier, USA**, is also in the ordnance. Not long after entering the service, he found himself "somewhere in India", where he is kept very busy and writes about living in bamboo huts.

**Cpl. Ross Noblett, USA**, a former bank teller, makes good use of his civilian experience as supply clerk in the Signal Corps. He mentions having traveled three thousand miles from New Jersey to Missouri to join an outfit which, a week later, moved from Missouri to his original camp in New Jersey.

**Pvt. John Remein, USA**, is the last of three Remein brothers to enter the service. He is an M. P. stationed at Ft. Custer, Mich. His brother, Lt. Quentin Remein, who was home on sick-leave, was best man at his wedding a few weeks ago.

**C/M 1/c Marinus Heuseveldt, USN**, was the first of the Memorial Church members to join the Seabees. He has received rigid training, and is now ready to go overseas. He is a brother of Sgt. William H. Heuseveldt. Although he has left a settled married life behind him, he is full of courage and confident that God will take care of him.

**S 2/c John Koopmans, USN**, is also in the Seabees and had training experiences similar to those of Marinus Heuseveldt. He sailed recently, and his destination and arrival are still unknown. His last letter to his pastor, the Rev. John J. DeWaard, breathed a spirit of trust in God's ways with him. At Memorial Church he had been active in church work, and especially in the Young Men's Society.

**A/S Peter Vandenberg, USN**, brother of Melvin Vandenberg, is in boot training at Sampson, N. Y., only a short distance from his Rochester home. He entered the service on Pearl Harbor Day last year, and his brother on Armistice Day the year before.

**Pvt. William Terpstra, AAF**, is the last of the members to leave, and is in the Army Air Corps. At present, he is taking his qualifying examinations at Greensboro, N. C., and his ambition is to become a pursuit plane pilot. He is already volunteering his services in the church where he is stationed.

**CALVARY CHURCH, SCHENECTADY**

**Sgt. Franklin S. Coyle, AAF**, was inducted in the fall of 1942 and was

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trained in gunnery maintenance at Buckley Field, Colo. At present he is a gun mechanic in the ground crew of an Air Corps fighter squadron. During his service, he has been teaching Bible classes among his fellow soldiers and also in churches in near-by communities. Prior to induction, he was active in Sunday school and young people's work and in the church choir.

**Pvt. Albert L. Henry, AAF**, was converted in the fall of 1940, and made public profession of faith at Calvary Church a year later. Following his induction in June, 1942, he was attached to the Army Air Corps as a dispatcher. After several months of training in Florida, he was sent overseas and, on the way, organized a Bible class on the transport. As a result, at least one young man received Christ as his Saviour. While stationed in North Africa, he devoted two furloughs to trips to Palestine. A tropical disease contracted in Africa necessitated some months of hospitalization, but he has now recovered and is back on active duty.

**Sgt. Jacob Ledenman, USA**, born an orthodox Jew, was converted about five years ago. Before entering the service in 1942, he was actively engaged in Jewish evangelism, distributing tracts and Bibles and doing personal work among orthodox Jews. He took a course in radio maintenance and repair at Ft. Benning, Ga., and is now assigned to the headquarters company of an infantry division as radio and

telegraph expert.

**Pvt. Robert Lindsay, USA**, is one of the charter members of the congregation. He was enrolled at the University of Michigan at the time of his induction. Prior to entering the service, he was actively interested in the young people's work of the church and faithful in church attendance. He is now in an army school, training for specialist work.

**\* Sgt. Harry H. Meiners, Jr., USA**, brother of the pastor, the Rev. Raymond M. Meiners, had completed two years at Hope College, Holland, Mich., at the time of his induction in June, 1942. Since then he has been stationed at Camp Grant, Ill., as part of the permanent cadre, and is instructor in first aid and related subjects in the medical corps. He has attended non-commissioned officers school and was graduated with special honors. After the war, he plans to enter the gospel ministry.

**Pvt. John Smoke, USA**, enlisted in 1941 and until recently was stationed at Pine Camp, N. Y., first as a truck driver and later as an M. P. He became a communicant member of the congregation in October, 1941, and worships with the church whenever he is able to obtain a furlough or weekend pass from his present station at Indiantown Gap, Pa.

**Discharged for Medical Disability: James T. Coyle, USCG**, served in the Coast Guard from December, 1942, to August, 1943.

**COVENANT CHURCH, ROCHESTER**

**PFC Donald Wanjon, USA**, enlisted in July, 1942, and, after basic training, was sent to Puerto Rico as a member of a ground crew of the air force. He took an active part in the work of a Presbyterian church in Puerto Rico, teaching a Sunday school class and acting as usher. Covenant Church supplied this congregation with one hundred new hymnals for the young people's meetings.

**2nd Lt. Daniel Casey, AAF**, enlisted as an air cadet last August. He was graduated with high honors, being a member of Squadron One in his class. He is a cousin of Donald Wanjon, and both boys enjoyed a furlough this Christmas.

**S 2/c James Warren Brooks, USN**, was kept out of the Air Corps because of an eyesight deficiency but was accepted by the Seabees. In that branch of the service he distinguished himself as a sharpshooter, with the highest score in his battalion in a contest with rifle on a moving target.

**Pvt. Edwin R. Feller, USA**, is married and the father of an eighteen-months-old daughter. He is a graduate of the Eastman School of Music and a former high school music teacher. He is now playing in an army band designed to provide entertainment for wounded soldiers.

**PFC George Short, USA**, was formerly employed by Eastman Kodak as an armed guard in their plant. He was a member of the military police in charge of conducting war prisoners to various prison camps in this country. He has now been transferred to a truck company of the Quartermaster Corps.

#### SECOND PARISH CHURCH, PORTLAND, MAINE

**RM 2/c Edward H. Barnes, USN**, has served in the Pacific.

**S 2/c Frank H. Bouges, USNR**, completed his preliminary training at Newport and has been sent to Portsmouth, Va., for further hospital training.

**Pvt. Merle E. Bouges, AAF**, is assigned to a medical detachment of the Air Corps.

**2nd Lt. Miriam Case, ANC**, was a supervisor at a local hospital.

**Pvt. Therald Eastman, USA**, is at Fort Bragg, N. C.

**SK 1/c William A. Field, Jr., USN**, has seen service in the Mediterranean area.

**S/Sgt. William G. Hamilton, AAF**, was a member of the Parish Committee before entering the service.

**Pvt. Kenneth Heskett, AAF**, worked for a publishing company in Portland. He has been serving in Panama for some time.

**Sgt. Stanley E. Heskett, USA**, being a member of the National Guard, was called into service when that organization was made part of the Army in 1940.

**T/Sgt. Malcolm R. MacDonald, USA**, was also in the National Guard. He is the son of Elder John M. MacDonald.

**A/S Earl Maier, USN**, had been the assistant superintendent and a teacher of the Sunday school.

**Pvt. Wilfred J. Noel, Jr., USA**, is stationed at Fort Eustis, Va.

**2nd Lt. Ernest Schreiber, USMCR**, graduated from Georgia Tech with the degree of Bachelor of Science in Aeronautical Engineering. At present, he is studying at M.I.T. in Boston.

**Pvt. Everitt Verril, USA**, is stationed at a war prisoners' camp in Alabama.

**Pvt. Charles C. Willey, USA**, is at

Camp Ellis, Ill.

**Sgt. David Willey, AAF**, spent one semester at the University of Maine before being inducted.

#### Presbytery of Ohio

##### COVENANT CHURCH, INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

**PFC Robert Rooker, USA**, was a student at the Arthur Jordan Conservatory of Music in Indianapolis at the time of his enlistment. He is a charter member of the church.

**S 2/c Clyde S. Armel, USN**, had his boot training at the Great Lakes Training Station and is now at the Radar Service School at Virginia Beach, Va. His father is the church treasurer.

**Sgt. Joel Henry Wagoner, USA**, is another charter member of the church and the son of an elder. At present he is stationed in New York City.

**Prr. 1/c Kenneth Armel, USN**, has charge of the printing department aboard a battleship. His ship took part in the African campaign in 1942 and is now in the Pacific. Although he is far away, his contribution finds its way to the church collection plate.

**Cox'n John B. Shoemaker, USNR**, joined the Navy in 1937 at the age of 17, and was called to active duty in November, 1940. He served in the Hawaiian zone for eighteen months and was at Pearl Harbor during the Jap bombing. In December, 1942, he returned to the States and served as coxswain on a ship at San Diego. He is now stationed at Santa Barbara, Cal., for training in mine sweeping.

#### Presbytery of Philadelphia

##### GRACE CHURCH, MIDDLETOWN, DEL.

**HA 2/c Robert H. George, III, USN**, was a student at Wheaton College before his induction last summer. Having received his boot training at Newport, R. I., he was transferred to Portsmouth, Va., and from there came to Philadelphia. He was active in the Sunday school of Grace Church.

**S 2/c Marion Davidson, USN**, attended West Nottingham Academy in Maryland and was drafted before completing his course. He is now on active sea duty.

**A/C Wallace B. McCaffert, AAF**, the father of two covenant children, entered the army as an aviation cadet and expects soon to receive his wings.

##### BETHANY CHURCH, NOTTINGHAM

**S/Sgt. Lewis A. Todd, USA**, has been in the Army more than two years. He spent a year in Great Britain and almost a year in Africa. His work

at present is in the office of the Quartermaster Corps in North Africa.

**Cpl. John W. Little, USA**, enlisted some time before Pearl Harbor and, except for six weeks at Aberdeen Proving Grounds, has been stationed in California most of the time. His work in the ordnance department is chiefly concerned with the care of the smaller guns.

**Cpl. William T. Harlan, USA**, has been in the service for about six months and is at present on maneuvers in one of the desert training areas.

**PFC Robert L. Terry, USA**, is a gunner and truck driver in the anti-aircraft artillery, and has taken part in a number of maneuvers in desert training. Formerly with the Baldwin Locomotive Works, he reports that he enjoys his present job and especially his leaves, on one of which he met his brother in San Francisco and on another visited the Grand Canyon.

**PFC Owen Hastings, USA**, was drafted in June, 1943, and as yet has had no furlough. He is working in the Army Post Office in San Francisco.

**Pvt. Joseph H. Terry, Jr., USA**, had been a postal clerk for several years and, when drafted, was placed in the Army Post Office at San Francisco. He writes that he would prefer more active duty.

**GM 2/c John Boyd Wilson, USN**, left the farm and mushroom business to enlist about two years ago. He has seen service in both the Pacific and the Atlantic. While in the service, he married a Boston girl who was able to be with him during a special course of five weeks' training at York, Pa.

**SK 3/c Alfred Hannum, USCG**, was just recently made Storekeeper Third Class and is stationed at Quonset Point, R. I.

**Howard Williamson** will be inducted by the time this directory is published. His wife and infant daughter will live with his wife's parents in Nottingham.

##### KNOX CHURCH, WASHINGTON, D. C.

**M/Sgt. Julius Andrae, USA**, was largely instrumental in fostering the new work recently begun in Washington. He united with the church just before sailing for England. Having served in World War I as a Marine, he remained in the National Guard and was called into service in February, 1940. He voluntarily transferred to the Military Police and helped form one of the new companies at Ft. Custer, Mich. Again stationed at Ft. Meade, he was active in speaking to his men about the salvation of their

souls and God has used his testimony. S/Sgt. Paul E. Horton, AAF, was converted a little over two years ago and immediately united with Knox Church. He was soon drafted and sent to Jefferson Barracks, Mo. There he testified of his faith to his buddies, and was overjoyed to witness the conversion of a number of them. All but two of his company went overseas but, while being transferred to another post, he was again used of God for the salvation of another soldier. At one time, he was providentially spared from death by being transferred to a new assignment, for the plane in which he had been serving crashed a week or so later, killing the man who had replaced him. He has recently announced his engagement to the young lady who was used of God to bring him to his decision for Christ.

**COVENANT CHURCH, PITTSBURGH**  
Capt. Claus Bushouse, USA, is stationed at Pittsburgh in the supply department of the Army.

Pvt. James A. Greer, USA, is now in transit to an unnamed destination. S 2/c Lester Dietz, USN, is located at the Naval Receiving Station at San Pedro, Cal.

**CALVARY CHURCH, WILLOW GROVE**  
\* RM 1/c Earl Frankenfield, USN, was the first member of the church to enter the armed forces. He was inducted in 1941, before Pearl Harbor. Before being transferred to the Atlantic area, he saw naval action in the Pacific. He was very active in the young people's work of the church.

Lt. Robert Sulzner, AAF, also enlisted prior to Pearl Harbor. He qualified for the Air Cadets and was graduated a navigator. He too was active in the young people's work of Calvary Church.

\* Pvt. Albert J. Visser, USA, was inducted in 1942. He is with the 38th Infantry.

Sgt. J. Leslie Pinkham, USA, was inducted in 1942 and is with the ordnance division of the Army.

\* Sgt. John W. Atkinson, USA, has seen service in Alaska, helping to build the Alcan Highway.

\* S/Sgt. J. Ward Heckler, USA, former president of the Philadelphia Presbytery Machen League, was inducted in 1942. He is married, and prior to his induction was a hosiery knitter.

\* Cpl. Maurice Craven, USA, was inducted in 1942 and is now serving with the military police in Illinois.

S 1/c William Slugg, US Mounted

Patrol, is a member of the horse patrol watching for spy landings along the eastern sea coast.

Cpl. Paul Lachman, USMC, inducted in 1942, is with the ordnance division in Edenton, N. C.

SKR 2/c Ralph Abbott, USN, was a teacher in the Bible school and employed at Frankford Arsenal before his induction in 1942.

MM 1/c Sidney B. Edwards, USN, also inducted in 1942, is now on Long Island.

Sgt. Robert Jones, USA, who is married and has one child, is now at Fort Pierce, Fla., in the reconnaissance troops.

Sgt. Roy W. Smiley, AAF, was a machinist and active in young people's work in the church before entering the service in 1942. Married since his induction, he is now "somewhere in the European area".

S 2/c William Achuff, USN, was married and in the milk business prior to his induction. As assistant superintendent of the Bible school and a deacon, he was active in the life of the church. He is on duty aboard an aircraft carrier.

Sgt. John H. Dodds, USA, a former aircraft factory worker, was interested in young people's work in the church. He writes from "somewhere in the Pacific" that he is table tennis champion of his outfit.

\* Cpl. Edith Aliene Knight, WAC, inducted in 1943, was a telephone supervisor, and active in young people's work. She is stationed in Orlando, Florida.

Sgt. Havard Jones, USA, had worked in an instrument manufacturing plant before being inducted in 1943. He is in Greensboro, N. C.

\* Ens. Raymond E. Little, USNR, was graduated from Westminster Seminary in 1942 and was inducted the following year. Since entering the service, he has been married and is now in a Naval training school at New Orleans.

S 1/c George B. Margerum, USN, was inducted immediately after finishing high school in 1943. He is with the fleet in the Pacific.

Sgt. Earl Sipes, USA, is married and has one child. A former factory worker, he is now in the infantry in South Carolina.

Pvt. Richard Dodds, USA, entered the service immediately after finishing high school last year. He was an active member of the church. At present he is awaiting assignment to bombardier school.

Pvt. Elmer M. Fischer, AAF, also

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Pvt. Samuel W. White, USA, was a machine operator before his induction last year. Greenville, Pa., is his present station.

A/c Richard Hamilton, USN, a son of the Rev. Floyd E. Hamilton, went from Wheaton College to Naval Pre-Flight School in Iowa.

H. LeRoy Ketterer, AAF, was a machine operator when he was inducted in 1943. He is stationed at Miami Beach, Fla., with the air force.

S 2/c Margaret E. Corliss, WAVE, inducted in 1943, is in training at Bloomington, Ind.

Frank Schiesser, Jr., is awaiting assignment to Aviation Cadet School.

The following men of Calvary Church have received honorable discharges: Theodore McNamara, Albert Buehler, Matthew Howe Smith, Jr., and John Stahl.

#### CALVARY CHURCH, MIDDLETOWN, PA.

Lt. Sylvia Brinser, ANC, entered the army as a nurse in February of 1942. At first she was stationed at Camp Lee, Virginia, but was transferred to North Africa at the start of the African campaign. Recently she has been transferred to a hospital in Southern Italy.

Pvt. John Brinser, USMC, took his basic training at Parris Island and New River, S. C. He is now in California awaiting orders. An active member of the church before the war, he had also built up a large paperhanging business.

A/s Harold Hess, AAF, joined the air corps in the summer of 1943 and is now in Alabama. His wife is staying with her family at Highspire, Pa.

Pvt. Raymond Murray, USA, was assigned to the paratroops. On the 21st of December, he was injured while jumping and has been hospitalized ever since.

Pvt. John Meshey, USA, and his wife have been active members of the church for several years. He has held office in the young people's society known as the Calvary Fellowship, and was employed by the Pennsylvania Railroad prior to his induction. He is in the infantry in North Carolina.

Pvt. John Kendrick McCoy, USMC, taught a boy's class in Sunday school, sang in the choir, served as treasurer of the board of deacons, and as a member of the board of trustees. He was also president of the Calvary Fellowship. A recent inductee, he is training at Parris Island.

AM 3/c Paul W. Sleighter, USN, was employed at the Middletown army air depot before entering the Navy in October, 1942.

Pvt. Robert Thompson, USMC, entered the Marines last October, and is now at Parris Island. He has been a member of the church and Sunday school for several years.

Cpl. Ralph Weirich, AAF, has been stationed in Florida and Colorado since his induction. When the African campaign opened he was sent to Africa and has since been stationed in Sicily.

#### GETHESEMANE CHURCH, PHILADELPHIA

\*SF 2/c Donald Rigdon, USN, attended Brown Preparatory School and was graduated from the Pennsylvania Bible Institute in 1936. He had his boot training in Rhode Island and went overseas in April, 1943. After serving in North Africa until the latter part of November, he was able to come home for a furlough. It is mainly through his efforts that Gethsemane Church is in existence. His talents as a preacher and Bible teacher were discovered early and he was asked to serve as Chaplain of his detachment.

\*S 1/c George D. Sinclair, USN, was graduated from high school in January, 1942, and went to work at Cramp's Shipyard until he enlisted in June. He has been on duty in the South Pacific for the last thirteen months. Active in all work of the church, he was secretary of the Sunday school at the time of his enlistment.

F 1/c Clarence Van Der Poel, USMC, enlisted in the Seabees last September but has been detailed to duty with the Marines at Camp Pendleton, Cal. A faithful member of the church, he was an elder, secretary of the Sunday school, treasurer of the building fund and benefvolences, and the clerk of session.

Lt. George Kotnick, USN, trained on the schoolship Annapolis and was graduated second in his class. After one year in the Maritime Service, he enlisted in the Navy, obtaining the rank of Ensign in July, 1942. Last August he was promoted to Lieutenant and is at present a Navy instructor in the maritime service.

Pvt. J. Richard Kreiner, USA, is a talented singer and led the choir in the church. The father of one child, he was inducted January 3rd.

#### KNOX CHURCH, PHILADELPHIA

Pvt. Allen Dean, USA, enlisted early in 1942. After training in Mary-

land, South Carolina, and Arizona, he is now stationed at Camp Pickett, Va., where he is being trained to serve in all climates.

Cox'n Henry Hood, USN, entered the Seabees with the rating of Seaman Second Class, and has since been advanced to Coxswain. At the present time, he is undergoing training with the Marine Corps at Camp Lejeune, N. C.

Lt. William W. Hood, USA, enlisted in the army and attended Officers' Candidate School in field artillery. "Somewhere in North Africa" he is receiving vigorous field training. An elder of the church, he was very active before his enlistment.

#### KIRKWOOD CHURCH, KIRKWOOD

Cpl. John Lewis, USA, has been in the service over four years, and is in Italy at present.

PFC Charles R. Linton, USA, was a long-distance truck driver prior to his induction. His present work involves the testing of large coastal and artillery guns at the proving grounds at Aberdeen, Md.

Sgt. David McAllister, USA, had only a few months' training in this country before he was transferred to Hawaii.

Pvt. Lloyd Windle, USA, has had his preliminary training for the air force and has recently been transferred for final pilot training.

Pvt. Ellsworth McAllister, USA, is stationed at Camp Lee, Va. Before entering the service, he was a woodworker in a specialty woodworking mill.

Lt. (j.g.) Hess H. Linton, USN, a pilot in the Naval Air Force, has had two narrow escapes from death—one in a landing accident in the water, and the other when he had to resort to his parachute when fog prevented a landing.

Pvt. Charles Priestly, USMC, entered the service in November of 1942 and was at a station in British Samoa in January, 1943. He has seen much action on Guadalcanal, New Guinea, and Tarawa, which he described as being "rather hot for a couple of days". He is now at a rest camp in New Zealand.

#### MEDIATOR CHAPEL, PHILADELPHIA

\*S 2/c Doris M. Curry, WAVE, has finished her training at Miami University, Oxford, Ohio, and is ready for active work.

AS John E. Curry, USN, started his training in the V-12 program at the University of Pennsylvania last

November.

\* **Ens. George H. Eckardt, Jr., USNR**, nephew of the Rev. Robert S. Marsden, is on submarine duty.

\* **PFC Herbert C. Mayson, USA**, had been studying to be a doctor when he enlisted, and was placed in the Medical Corps.

\* **Pvt. James F. Orr, USA**, was an elder and teacher in the Sunday school. He has been in the service since last Labor Day, and is at Camp Van Dorn, Miss.

**Lt. (j.g.) Robert H. Skilton, USN**, a lawyer in civilian life and a teacher in the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania, is in the Personnel Department at the Arlington Annex. He is a brother of the Rev. Professor John H. Skilton of Westminster Seminary.

**T/5 Cpl. Eugene Soltner, USA**, is with the army engineers "somewhere in the Southwest Pacific".

**CALVARY CHURCH, PHILADELPHIA**

\* **Capt. Klaudius Kuiper, USA**, son of the Rev. Professor R. B. Kuiper and Mrs. Kuiper, is practicing oral surgery with the dental corps at Camp Campbell, Ky. He was married to Janet McClay of Redeemer Church, Philadelphia, in June, 1942, and commissioned a Lieutenant one month later; he was elevated to the rank of Captain last August. Capt. and Mrs. Kuiper are the proud parents of a five-months-old son. Prior to his induction, Capt. Kuiper took an active interest in the young people's work.

**EASTLAKE CHURCH, WILMINGTON, DEL.**

**Pvt. Haward T. Black, USA.**  
**PFC Lillian A. Hoyt-Burell, WAC.**  
**Sgt. Wilfred G. Clelland, USA.**  
**John M. Cushman, USMM.**  
**Sgt. Clifford L. Evans, USA.**  
**Pvt. Harry E. Harting, USA.**  
**Lt. Pierce Hollingsworth, USA.**  
**A/C Taylor Hollingsworth, AAF.**  
**Eng. 3/c Henry Hollingsworth, Jr., USN.**

\* **Capt. Leonard S. Horner, USA.**  
**C/M Stephen Harold Jackson, USMM.**

\* **Sgt. T. Paul Jenkins, USA.**  
**\* GM 3/c George Jones, USN.**  
**AMM 3/c Rodney T. Jones, USN.**  
**Robert Knight, USN.**  
**PhM 3/c Leslie M. Logue, USN.**  
**Aux. Dorothy Manchester, WAC.**  
**S 1/c Audrey A. Moore, WAVE.**  
**Cpl. Charles Myers, USA.**  
**Lt. Alma J. Outten, ANC.**  
**Sgt. Robert H. Patterson, USA.**  
**Sgt. John Patterson, USA.**

**S/Sgt. Willard H. Rutter, USA.**  
**James Springer, USMC.**  
**Pvt. Richard G. Vincent, USA.**  
**Pvt. Sewell J. Welch, USA.**  
**Sgt. Morris Zebley, USA.**

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**GRACE CHURCH, MILWAUKEE**

**Lt. (j.g.) F. A. Rasmussen, USNR**, enlisted last summer and was inducted into the Seabees. He received his special training at Camp Perry, Williamsburg, Va., and is now stationed at Cecil Field, Jacksonville, Fla., where he has charge of maintenance of the Naval Air Station.

**FIRST CHURCH, WATERLOO, IOWA**

\* **Cox'n Cromwell G. Roskamp, USCG**, enlisted in the Coast Guard two years ago, received his boot training in Washington, and is now preparing for service in the Pacific area. He has served on coast guard duty for more than a year.

\* **S 2/c Harold P. Roskamp, USN**, enlisted in the Navy after more than a year in government service at Pearl Harbor. He received his boot training at Farragut, Idaho, and is now in school for special training at New London, Conn.

\* **2nd Lt. Hermina Roskamp, ANC**, entered the service as army nurse on July 8, 1942. She has been serving on a hospital ship in the Mediterranean war theatre and in bringing back the wounded to the United States.

\* **SK 3/c Ina Mary Eberle, WAVE**, enlisted last April. After training at Hunter College, New York City, she was sent to Bloomington, Ind., for Storekeeper training. Since August she has been stationed at Cleveland, Ohio, working in the Navy Department Bureau of Supplies.

\* **Cpl. Lowell W. Andreas, USA**, entered the service while a senior at the University of Iowa, in November, 1942. While being processed at Camp Dodge, he was selected for work on the office staff of that camp and has been stationed there ever since. In May, 1943, he was married, and now lives in Des Moines.

**BETHEL CHURCH, OOSTBURG**

\* **Pvt. Lloyd Van Ess, USA**, is stationed at Camp McCain, Miss.

\* **Pvt. Oliver De Zoute, USA**, is at the New Orleans Army Air Base.

\* **Sgt. Lincoln Davies, USA**, a brother of the Rev. John Davies, is in the Pacific area.

\* **S 1/c Leslie De Zoute, USN**, is seeing submarine service.

\* **Pvt. Winfred Wieskamp, USA**, is

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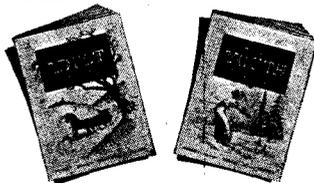
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in Scotland.

\* A/s Donald Smies, USN, has Port Huene, California, as his base port.

\* Ens. Warren Meyer, USN, was graduated from Wheaton College and was an instructor in radio theory. He is studying at Princeton, N. J.

\* Sgt. Harley J. Back, USA, saw action in New Guinea and is now resting in Texas.

\* PFC Chester De Blacy, USA, is in the ordnance at Fort Ord, California.

\* PFC Norbert Schoening, AAF, who is married and has a child, is at the army air base in Lincoln, Nebr.

\* Sgt. Daniel J. Smies, USA, contracted poliomyelitis in North Africa and is at the hospital in Springfield, Mo.

\* Lt. Wilbert Nyenhuis, USA, is in the Pacific area.

\* Pvt. Howard Lemahieu, USA, is a student in the Army Specialized Training Program.

\* A/C Charles Ray Moran, USA, is studying at Terre Haute, Ind.

\* Pvt. Orval Kolste, USA, is with a chemical division in the Pacific zone.

Sgt. Roy Le Mahieu, USA, has received a medical discharge.

### OLD STOCKBRIDGE CHURCH, GRESHAM

Sgt. Gordon Shepard, USA, was active in the work of the church, Sunday school, and young people's society until his induction in 1942. Recently he has been sent overseas in the European sector.

### CALVARY CHURCH, CEDAR GROVE

Sgt. Earl J. Obrink, USA, saw action in New Guinea and was

wounded in the Buna campaign. For this he received the Purple Heart and other decorations. At the beginning of the Buna fight, he aided the only chaplain at the front.

Cpl. Orlon W. Berenschot, USA, is in England.

Cpl. Warren L. Neerhof, USA, is with an infantry group in Ireland.

Lt. Homer J. Voskuil, USA, was sent to North Africa and is in Sicily at present.

PFC Ellsworth W. DeBruine, USA, has been in North Africa and Sicily and is currently in England.

Pvt. Wilmer Schipper, USA, is on one of the Hawaiian islands.

PFC George Jentink, USA, has been working on the Alcan Highway.

Cpl. Clarence E. Ledebouer, USA, is receiving special winter training in Canada.

M. Wesley Voskuil, USMM, has just entered the Merchant Marine.

Y 3/c Eugene H. Lemmenes, USNR, is at a Naval base in England.

F 1/c Ellis C. Voskuil, USN, has been to North Africa and Sicily on a tank-landing ship. He is now in England.

Mus. 1/c Glenn J. Voskuil, USN, is on an aircraft carrier in the Pacific.

S 2/c Harvey Schreurs, USN, is in port at Tacoma, Washington.

PFC Erwin P. Claerbout, USA, had been Sunday school superintendent at Calvary Church. Occasionally he occupies the pulpit of a Presbyterian church near his Texas camp in the absence of the pastor, and leads the young people's meetings.

Sgt. Francis E. Claerbout, USA, is in a medical training battalion at Camp Barkley, Texas.

Sgt. Winson L. Graven, USA, is at the General Hospital in New Orleans.

Sgt. Leland Hilbelink, USA, is at the Stanton School, New London, Conn.

Lt. Wallace A. Hoftiezer, AAF, is at Marianna, Fla.

Pvt. Donald G. Lohuis, USA, is at Fort Lewis, Wash.

Pvt. Willis M. Neerhof, USA, is with the infantry in Gilroy, Cal.

Pvt. Gordon Veldboom, USA, stationed at Fort John Custis, is in the Coast Artillery.

Pvt. Carl B. Voskuil, USA, in New York, is taking specialized training.

Sgt. Gordon Wieberdink, USA, is with the air force in Georgia.

The following members of Calvary Church have received honorable discharges: Donald Neerhof, Herbert Prange, and Leland Berenschot.

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