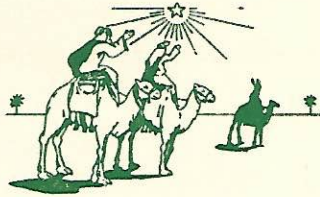


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*Christmas Greetings*

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*Service Men and Women*

*on*

*Our Honor Roll*

# A Christmas Prayer

## by James Hilton

Let us pray to God, the Unconquerable Spirit in Man.

Help us to rebuild the world for more splendid lives than ours; add wisdom to the ardor of the young, and loving kindness to the musings of the old; make our eyes aware of things that are too gentle to proclaim themselves; give us emotion far beyond the fret of nerves; free us from fear of our own brothers, and from the triple curse of greed, intolerance and vainglory.

Lift the dark cloud of war from our future, and grant comfort to all quiet kindly folk who carry peace in their hearts amidst the stress of conflict; strengthen them also to endure what may befall.

Bring down the tyrant; befriend the victims of injustice and equate the rewards of labor nearer to the needs of men; and accustom us to work, not for the snatched profit, but for the common good and for the planned destiny of mankind.

Give patience to those who wait restlessly for this, and hope to those who have ceased to believe that it will come; and fill our hearts with faith in a Kingdom of Heaven which our children's children may someday find on earth.

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To Our Dear Friends in the Services:

We take pleasure in sending you this News Letter of our Service men and women as a Christmas greeting from your church. From the letters we have received from those in camps at home, and especially from those overseas, we have concluded that news from home is the common hunger of our Service folk. It was the well-considered judgment of our Session that a News Letter would be more appreciated at Christmas than any other gift we could possibly send to those on our Roll of Honor. The congregation, learning of this plan, have given it their enthusiastic endorsement.

To complete and edit such a Letter, we have been most fortunate in securing the able services of Mr. Fred B. Linton, Sr. To guarantee accuracy, Mr. Linton prepared a questionnaire which was mailed to your families. From the information gleaned from these returned questionnaires, the individual paragraphs were written.

You will be happy to know that copies of this Letter are being sent not only to each one of you, but also to your families and all the families of our church membership. Additional copies will be available to families of Service men and women. We are immensely proud of you, and we desire to tell the whole church of your achievement.

We wish to re-assure you that you are being constantly remembered in our prayers. For several months now, we have introduced into our Order of Worship on Sunday mornings a period of Silent Prayer, during which everyone present is requested to pray that God's protection and presence may be vouchsafed to our dear ones in the Services. During these prayer periods, we can all feel the spiritual power that is being generated.

In order to bind our hearts together at Christmastide, I am suggesting that you individually join with us in offering to God, our Father, the Christmas prayer written by James Hilton. We shall pray it in unison on Sunday morning, December 24, as a worshipping congregation in church; and again on Christmas morning as families in our homes. It will sanctify the day and steady and strengthen the hearts of all of us to be united in prayer.

With sincere affection,  
Your Pastor,  
R. PAUL SCHEARRER.



**ACKERMAN, CHARLES E., Jr.**, is the Executive, Budget, and Fiscal Officer of the Army Air Forces and is located in the Pentagon Building, just across the Potomac from Washington, D. C. He was commissioned from civil life in 1942 as a Major, and has been advanced to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

**ADKINS, LEE**, entered the Navy as a volunteer in 1944 with the rank of Ensign. He received training at Princeton. He is stationed at San Francisco for service in the Pacific.

**ALLANSON, HENRY E., Jr.**, is in far away New Guinea, where he is serving in the Adjutant General's Office. He entered the Army in August, 1943, and received training at Camp Lee, Virginia, and at the Army Administration School, W. and J. College, Washington, Pa. He was sent overseas in January, 1944. He has been promoted to the rank of Sergeant.

**ALLEN, AILEEN T.**, is somewhere in New Guinea with American Red Cross, serving as Secretary to Army Medical Corps. Entering the service in 1943, she was trained at the American University and Walter Reed Hospital. After a tour of duty at Camp White, Oregon, she was sent overseas.

**ALLEN, GEORGE**, of the Army Air Forces, has been stationed in England since August, 1943. He enlisted in the regular Army Infantry in 1940, and received training at Fort Jay and Fort Devon. He has been with the Army Air Forces since 1941. At his station in England, he is manager of the Officers' Club. He entered the service as a Second Lieutenant and has been advanced to the rank of Captain.

**ALLEN, JACQUELINE**, is in the Motor Corps of the U. S. Marines Women's Reserve at San Diego, California. She drives trucks, jeeps, ambulances, and "almost anything driveable". She entered the service in 1943 and received training at Hunter College, New York; at Cherry Point, North Carolina, and elsewhere. Enlisting as a Private, she has been advanced to the rank of Sergeant.

**ALLEN, ROBERT LUDLOW**, who entered the Marine Corps in June, 1943, after being graduated from the U. S. Naval Academy, has taken part in plenty of action in the Pacific Area. He received four shrapnel wounds in the battle of Saipan, and has been engaged in other battles in the Pacific. For awhile, he was stationed at Camp Elliott, California, and then in the Hawaiian Islands. Now, with the rank of Lieutenant, he is on active duty somewhere in the Pacific. He has been awarded the Purple Heart.

**ANKENY, LLOYD**, is with the Army Air Service in France. He entered the service in March, 1942, as a Captain. After a tour of duty in England, he was transferred to France. Because of highly meritorious service, he has been promoted to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

**ASKEW, WILLIAM ROBERT**, reported at Camp Meade on November 13, 1944. He is eighteen years of age. At the time of this report, he had not been informed as to the branch of service to which he would be assigned. His name is one of the very latest to be placed on the Roll of Honor of the Takoma Park Presbyterian Church

**AXTELL, HAROLD A., Jr.**, was serving on Armed Guard Duty when his ship was torpedoed and sunk on Nov. 3, 1942, three hundred miles Southwest of Capetown, South Africa. Lieutenant Axtell was reported as missing, and one year later, November 4, 1943, he was officially assumed dead as of that date. Harold enlisted in the Navy in August, 1940, and took Officers Training



at the Naval Academy, Annapolis, Maryland. Upon completing the course, he was commissioned as a Lieutenant. He was Armed Guard Officer on the first merchant ship to reach Murmansk, Russia, arriving there in January, 1942. He had been in Persia, Ceylon, and Calcutta and was on his way back to the United States when his ship was sunk. He was awarded the American Area Campaign medal, the European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal, and the Asiatic-Pacific Area Campaign Medal. He was also awarded the American Defense Service Medal and the Purple Heart. Memorial services were held for him in the Takoma Park Presbyterian Church.

**BAGEANT, A. GRANVILLE**, is with Headquarters Battery, Coast Artillery, School Detachment, at Fort Monroe, Virginia. He entered the service in 1942 and received his basic training at Fort Eustis, Virginia. He has been advanced from Private to Sergeant.

**BAKER, EDGAR L.**, is with the Signal Corps and attached to an Army Air Force unit. At last report, he was located at Greensboro, North Carolina in the Post Signal Office. He received training at Atlantic City. He has been doing work in communication. His parents reside in New Market, Maryland.

**BARSS, THEODORE P.**, is in the Medical Corps and at present attending the Medical School of George Washington University. He resides at 32 Philadelphia Avenue, Takoma Park. He entered the service in 1943 and is a First Class Private. He took preliminary training at Camp Grant, Illinois. The need for medical officers is urgent; their opportunities for useful service are unlimited.

**BARTLETT, RICHARD W.**, attended "boot camp" at the Naval Training Center, Bainbridge, Maryland, and was transferred to the Electrician's School at the same base. He entered the Navy in 1944 as an Apprentice Seaman and has advanced to Seaman Second Class. He is eighteen years of age.

**BATEMAN, J. ROBERT**, first joined the Navy, but shortly made the "impossible" transfer to an Army Specialized Training Course. He reports that since his transfer he has "been laboring at the slow and trying transformation to an M.D." He is stationed at the George Washington University Medical School.

**BEALL, ARTHUR W., Jr.**, was a civilian Flight Instructor working under the Army Air Forces in primary training schools from 1942 until 1943 when he entered the Air Corps. He had been a civilian pilot from 1936. He was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant and sent to Union City, Tennessee as Check Pilot and Assistant Supervisor of Army Training. After an assignment at Jackson, Tennessee, he was sent to Gunter Field, Montgomery, Alabama, where he is now stationed with the rank of First Lieutenant. He writes, "Just doing the small job that the Army thinks I am best qualified for to the best of my ability and trying to bring this war to the quickest ending possible so we may all live in a peaceful world once again."

**BEATTIE, JAMES M.**, is a Tactical Officer with the Army Air Corps at Fort Worth, Texas. Entering the service in 1942 as a Second Lieutenant from the R.O.T.C., he has since been advanced to the First Lieutenant rank. He received his training at the University of Maryland and at Miami Beach, Florida. After completing his training, he served as a Tactical

Instructor in the Air Corps at Miami Beach and at San Antonio, Texas, until September, 1944, when he was sent on his present assignment in Fort Worth.

**BENDER, J. DANIEL**, of the Army Air Forces, has been on one hundred five missions as a fighter pilot. He saw service in New Caledonia, Guadalcanal, and Bougainville. He volunteered in February, 1942, as an Aviation Cadet. He now ranks as a Captain. He was trained at Randolph Field; Chickasha Air Field; Mission, Texas; and Tallahassee, Florida. He is now test pilot for Army Air Forces at Republic Aviation Corporation on Long Island. He has been awarded the Air Medal with Four Oak Leaf Clusters.

**BENDER, LOUIS B.**, served in World War I and in World War II until April 27, 1944, when he was retired for physical disability. He was a regular Army officer with the rank of Colonel and had been on the staff of the Chief Signal Office, War Department, Washington, D. C. He has been awarded the Distinguished Service Medal. He has two sons in the Army Air Forces.

**BENDER, LOUIS B., Jr.**, is an Aviation Cadet for service as a bombardier with the Army Air Forces. He volunteered in 1943 and will complete his training in December, 1944. He has been in training at Greensboro, North Carolina; Dickinson College, Carlisle, Pennsylvania; Santa Ana, California; Kingman, Arizona; and Victorville, California; where he is now located.

**BIEBUSCH, CHARLES E.**, has an ambition to complete his trip around the world, having already reached Calcutta, India, in line of duty with the U. S. Armed Forces Institute. He hopes to be discharged there and complete his journey on his own. He likes India, except for the insects and thieves, both of which he finds annoying. He entered the Army in October, 1942, and was trained in the Infantry at Camp Croft, South Carolina. Later, he was transferred to the U.S.A.F.I. at Madison, Wisconsin, where he was stationed until sent to India. He arrived in Calcutta in July, 1944. He has been advanced to the rank of Sergeant.

**BIEBUSCH, HAROLD W.**, has only one complaint. Where he is, somewhere in the Pacific in the submarine service of the Navy, there is no place to spend any money. Save it, Harold, until you come back to Takoma Park. He entered the Navy in June, 1943, and received training at Chicago, Illinois; at New London, Connecticut; and at Mare Island, California. He has been at Pearl Harbor and at Midway in the line of duty, but his present base in the Pacific is not known. He entered the service as an Apprentice Seaman, and is now a Fireman, First Class.

**BLACKBURN, CHARLES ALFRED**, is training as a Radio Technician at Great Lakes, Illinois. He enlisted in the Navy in 1944 at the age of eighteen. He ranks as a Seaman, First Class. His home is at 16 Sycamore Avenue, Takoma Park.

**BOND, RICHARD C.**, is in training with the Army Air Forces at Gulfport, Mississippi, where, he says, "Nothing ever happens but heat and more rain." Yet something did happen that surprised and delighted the home folks when Richard, now a Crew Chief, and Lieutenant Warren Steiner recently flew up to Takoma Park with a crew on an overnight training trip. Richard entered the service on March 3, 1943, as a Maintenance Mechanic, and has trained at Camp Lee, Virginia; Miami Beach, Florida; Amarillo, Texas; Seattle, Washington, and elsewhere, before his present assignment at Gulfport.



**BOUGHTON, DONALD**, is located in the Western part of the Aleutian Islands. He entered the Navy in 1943, and after only six weeks of training, was sent with his unit to the Aleutians. He continues to be a student, for, in his free time, he has completed one correspondence course and has started a second. At his request, his family sends him the church bulletin each week. From one of these, he learned of the death of Jack Vogel, who was inducted into the service on the same day as Donald. He has expressed regret also at the death of Mr. Burton, whom he knew as Chairman of the Ushers. He writes about their new chapel with its Hammond electric organ. His chum plays the organ at services.

**BOVARD, JOHN R.**, is attached to the Office of the Chief of Ordnance of the War Department and located in the Pentagon Building. He is engaged in the Industrial Service Branch of the Artillery Division where his experience and extensive knowledge of the steel industry make him a valuable asset. He was in World War I and calls himself a "retread." He teaches the Aokiya Class in the Church School, sings in the Choir, and cheerfully performs most other tasks he is asked to do. He is recovering from an illness that confined him to Walter Reed Hospital for several weeks. He ranks as a Major.

**BOYER, C. LEONARD**, was recalled to active duty in the Army in January, 1941, with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. He directed Army construction work at St. Louis, Missouri and at Cassablanca and other places in Africa, as well as in and near Naples, Italy. He is now with the Military Railway Service and directs railway operations in England and in France. He is now stationed in France.

**BOYER, RODNEY**, is in the Army Air Corps and at present stationed at Wright Field, Dayton, Ohio. He was trained at the University of Maryland and entered the Army in 1942 as a Second Lieutenant. He has since been advanced to the rank of First Lieutenant. He has served in a Propellor Laboratory. His present duties include high altitude testing in B-29s. On September 22, 1944, a most important event transpired; his daughter, Marilyn Jane, was born.

**BRACE, DOUGLAS G.**, entered the Army in 1944 and is already in France with an Infantry Division. He is now a Private First Class, having been trained at Fort Benning, Georgia; and at Camp McCain, Mississippi. He was sent overseas in August. He has been in combat since the middle of September. He operates the "Handy Talkie" and "Walkie Talkie" field radios as company headquarters communications messenger. He has been awarded an "Expert Infantryman's Badge" and a "Sharpshooter's Medal."

**BURTON, CHARLES JACKSON**, was graduated from the U. S. Naval Academy at Annapolis in December, 1941, and reported to his ship ten days later. He served on a cruiser in the Southwest Pacific for eighteen months, taking part in major engagements in the Solomons. He has been advanced to the rank of Lieutenant, senior grade. He recently returned to the United States for training in naval aviation.

**BURTON, JOHN F.**, enlisted in the Navy in 1942 and served on a Destroyer-Escort in the Atlantic for over a year. He is now taking an officer training course at the University of Pennsylvania. He trained at the Great Lakes Naval Station, at a Radar School in Philadelphia, and at Key West, Florida.



**CLARK, JAMES**, entered the Army Signal Corps in 1943 and received training at the University of Maryland. He is now stationed at Fort Monmouth. He is a grandson of the late Reverend Thomas C. Clark, formerly Minister of the Takoma Park Presbyterian Church.

**CLARK, JOHN B., Jr.**, entered the Army shortly after the outbreak of war. He was with Army Ordnance and stationed for a time at Langley Field and at Mitchel Field. He received a Medical Discharge and is now living at his home in Silver Spring.

**CLARK, ROBERT W.**, is with the Army Air Corps somewhere in India, the land of castes and of mystery, of poverty and superstition. He entered the Army in 1942 and received training in South Carolina, Louisiana, Arizona, and California. He has been advanced to the rank of Corporal.

**CLAUSS, THEODORE A.**, of the U. S. Marine Corps, entered the service in February, 1944, and was sent overseas in June. He was trained at Parris Island, South Carolina. He has already won distinction for his marksmanship in a service that is famous for its straight shooters. Marines can hit their targets.

**COFFMAN, JOHN W., Jr.**, volunteered for Army service in 1943. He is with a Signal Company and ranks as a Sergeant. His father, John W. Coffman, Sr., edits and publishes The Journal, the only newspaper devoted primarily to the interests of Takoma Park. Each week The Journal publishes a series of news items about Takoma Park men and women who are in any branch of the armed forces.

**COFFMAN, ROBERT D.**, enlisted in the U. S. Army in 1942. He ranks as a First Lieutenant and is stationed somewhere in the Pacific area. He is also the son of John W. Coffman, Sr., the editor and publisher of The Journal of Takoma Park.

**COLBERT, FRANK**, is in Ceylon, India with a Headquarters Company of the South East Asia Command. He entered the Army in 1943 and trained at Camp Lee, Virginia. After filling assignments in Shenango, Pennsylvania and Miami, Florida, he was sent by plane to New Delhi, India. Eight months later, he was transferred to Ceylon. His family reports that they, "Don't know what he does, and he won't tell."

**CONLON, EMERSON W.**, is a Lieutenant Commander in the Navy. He entered the service in 1940 for duty at the University of Michigan, where he had been a Professor. He is at present located with the Bureau of Aeronautics in the Navy Department, Washington, D. C.

**COOK, CHARLES G.**, entered the Navy in 1942 at the age of eighteen. He was trained at the Great Lakes Naval Training Station at Great Lakes, Illinois. He entered the Navy as a Seaman and has been advanced to Coxswain. He was in the battle of Attu and in three battles in France. What experiences can be crowded into a few months of war. Charles went into the war as a youth; he will come out as a man matured by experience and responsibilities.

**COOK, GEORGE ARTHUR, Jr.**, entered the U. S. Army in 1942 as a Private and has been promoted to the rank of Sergeant. He was trained at Camp Blanding, Camp Mackall, and Fort Benning. He is now with a Parachute Regiment in the European Theater of Operations. He was in the invasion of Normandy on D-Day, and took part in the invasion of Holland. He is seeing plenty of action. His brother, Charles, is in the Navy.

**COOMES, RAPLH E.**, an Engineer Officer with the Air Forces, is stationed in England. He ranks as a Captain and is engaged in training troops. He entered the service in 1942, and took training at Camp Claiborne, Camp Ellis, and Fort Belvoir. He assisted in training others at Camp Ellis, as well as in England.

**DEGEN, JOHN JOSEPH**, has been sent overseas with a Mechanized Cavalry Division. He entered the National Guard in 1937, and the Army of the United States in January, 1941. He is now a Technical Sergeant. He trained at Fort Devens, Massachusetts; Pine Camp, New York; Fort Meade, Maryland; Eastern Defense Command, North Carolina; and Camp Campbell, Kentucky.

**DENNIS, LINDLEY H.**, was with the Naval Air Transport Service, having enlisted in December, 1942. He was advanced to the rank of Lieutenant, junior grade. He was injured in an accident while on a flight to Greenland. For a time, he was stationed at Pearl Harbor. At that station, he received a Medical Discharge in September, 1944, and is now employed in private industry.

**DERRICK, WILLIAM S.**, entered the Army in July, 1943, as a First Lieutenant and has been advanced to the rank of Captain. He received training at Carlisle, Pennsylvania and at last report was stationed at Camp Mackall, North Carolina. He is with a Medical Unit attached to an Infantry Division.

**DETRICH, HARRY WILLIAM, Jr.**, is in a Photographic Laboratory of the Signal Corps in Santa Barbara, California. His family writes, "Bill is very glad photography was one of his hobbies, as it has stood him in good stead." He entered the service in July, 1943, and received basic training at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. Under the Army Student Training Program, he attended Grinnell College and the University of Oregon. Since March, he has spent most of his time in the hospital, but is now out and on limited service until he becomes stronger.

**DODD, JAMES W., Jr.**, is with the U. S. Coast Guard somewhere in the South Pacific. He enlisted in 1942 and received training at Curtis Bay, Maryland and Manhattan Beach, New York. He has been to Guadalcanal, Midway, New Guinea, Bougainville, Honolulu, and New Zealand. He has been advanced from Apprentice Seaman to Gunners Mate, Third Class. He has received the Foreign Service Stripes and two Combat Stars. His father, J. Wilson Dodd, is Clerk and Treasurer of the Town of Takoma Park. From the South Pacific, J. W. Jr. writes to his family, "I am O.K. and feeling fine."

**EASTEP, ERNEST E., Jr.**, is somewhere in France serving with a Field Artillery Battalion. Entering the service in March, 1943, at Fort Meade, he was sent to Camp Polk, Louisiana for training. He had been a member of the Maryland National Guard, and prior to his induction into the U. S. Army, he spent several months on maneuvers in Texas and Louisiana. He was in England for three months before the invasion of France. He writes interesting and cheerful letters to the home folks, even though he has been on the move most of the time since his arrival overseas.

**FERRIS, LOIS**, has been released temporarily from the Cadet Corps. It is expected that she will continue with it in the near future.



**FERRY, ARTHUR E.**, had the unique distinction of being sent overseas on the second day after his enlistment in 1942 as a Technical Sergeant in the Army Signal Corps. He has since transferred to the Quartermaster Transportation Corps, and is now serving somewhere in France under General Patton. He has had tours of duty in Scotland and in England.

**FERRY, HUGH A.**, is an Operations Officer with the Army Ferry Command. He has delivered planes or vital cargoes to Carribean and South American countries, and to Africa, Egypt, Iran, Arabia, and India. Enlisting in 1941, he was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant. Because of efficient service, he has been advanced to the rank of Captain. Miami, Florida, is his base of operations. Captain Ferry of the Ferry Command is Operating Officer in "Fireball."

**FETTY, JOHN HAMILTON**, is at the Navy Gunnery School at Little Creek, Virginia, where he is serving as an Instructor. He entered the Navy in May, 1943, and took his Basic Training at Bainbridge, Maryland. He took courses at Radio School, Michigan City, Indiana; at Wright Junior College, Chicago, Illinois; and at Texas A. and M. University, College Station, Texas. He has filled assignments at Boston, Lowell, and Lexington, Massachusetts.

**FISHER, EVAN D.**, entered the Navy in 1944 as a Seaman, Third Class, and has been advanced to Ensign. He has been in the service only a few weeks and is now in training at the David Taylor Model Testing Basin in Maryland.

**FISHER, HARRY DREW**, entered the Army in 1943 with the Infantry. He took his basic training at Fort McClellan, Alabama. Upon completion of cadre school at the same place, Harry received the highest rating awarded at the school up to that time. In recognition of his high rating, he received a letter of commendation from the Commanding Officer. He was at time of last report stationed at Ford Ord, California awaiting reassignment. He has been advanced from Private to Corporal.

**FLAGG, LOUIS F.**, entered the Signal Corps in 1941 as a First Lieutenant. He has since been advanced to the rank of Major. He received his training at Fort Benning and Fort Bragg. He landed in North Africa with the invasion forces, and has been stationed there since.

**FREDRIKSON, HAROLD M.**, a Reserve Officer before the outbreak of war, was called into active service in 1941 as a Second Lieutenant. He was a student at the Army Industrial College until December, 1941, when he was assigned to duty in the Office of the Under Secretary of War. Three months later, he was attached to Headquarters, Army Service Forces, and is now Executive Officer of the Production Division with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. He has been awarded the Defense Service Medal.

**FULLMER, MARVIN**, is with the Navy Amphibious Forces and, at last report, was still located in the good old U. S. A., somewhere in California. He enlisted in the Navy in December, 1942, and was called into service in June, 1943. He has been trained at Wesleyan College, Connecticut; at Virginia Polytechnic Institute; at Chapel Hill, North Carolina; at U. S. Naval Air Station, Glenview Field, Illinois; at Great Lakes Training Station, Illinois; and at the U. S. Navy Repair Base, New Orleans, Louisiana.

**GALLIHER, HERBERT P., Jr.**, is stationed somewhere in Australia or New Guinea. Entering the Engineer Corps of the Army as a Private in



1041, he took the officers training course at Ft. Belvoir, Virginia in 1942 and has been advanced to the rank of First Lieutenant. In Melbourne, Australia, he met his fate. On May 16, 1944, he was married to Miss Dorothy McLaren of that city, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh W. McLaren.

**GARY, CHARLES GORDON**, entered the Army in February, 1944, and is already in England in the infantry. For his excellent marksmanship, he has been given a medal. He received training at Fort Meade, Maryland and at Camp Wolters, Texas. He was recently promoted to the rank of Corporal. His expert marksmanship should be a factor in helping to finish the job in Europe.

**GARY, NORMAN D.**, is on detached service at the Army Air Field at Brookville, Florida. He entered the Army Air Corps in December, 1941. For two and a half years, he served with the U. S. Army Air Forces Band at Bolling Field, D. C. He was then transferred to Drew Field, Tampa, Florida. He has advanced to the rank of Sergeant.

**GILLIAM, JOHN W.**, entered the service on July 7, 1943, and took basic training at Camp Lee, Virginia. He was transferred to Camp McQuaide, California and assigned to a Coast Artillery Training Battalion. After three months' service, he was honorably discharged for disability. He is now attending a Business College in Washington, D. C. under the Rehabilitation Program.

**GOODMAN, GUY H., Jr.**, writes "a big air battle is really quite a show. Flack, thick enough to walk on! The bursts you see are O.K., it's the ones you only hear that give you trouble. Pop! Pop! Just like the Fourth of July, and then the rattle of hail on a tin roof as the particles hit your plane. Boy, oh, boy, do you sweat it out. Praying quietly, we are glad there is a power up above to give us strength and courage to carry on." Lieutenant Goodman has bombed oil refineries, factories, rail yards, bridges, or airfields in Berlin, Leipsic, Williamshaven, Munich, St. Lou, Arnheim, and elsewhere. He recently returned home from his station in England. He has been awarded the Air Medal with Four Oak Leaf Clusters and the Distinguished Flying Cross.

**GOULD, ARTHUR R.**, of the U. S. Navy, when transferred from Kingsville, Texas, where he trained for one year, to Sewanee, Tennessee, where he was stationed for additional training at the University of the South, wrote: "They took me out of a desert and sat me on top of a mountain." Arthur enlisted in the Navy on July 4, 1942 for six years. He had boot training at Newport, Rhode Island; specialist training at Jacksonville, Florida; then a year at Kingsville Field; four months at Sewanee for V-12 training, and he is now stationed at Pensacola, Florida. He entered as an Apprentice Seaman and has been advanced to Airplane Mechanic's Mate, Second Class.

**GREEN, GORDON**, finds it monotonous on Saipan of the Marianna Islands after the excitement of the invasion operation in which he took an active part. He would welcome some more action if only to break the monotony. He entered the service in 1943 as a Private and has been advanced to Private First Class. He was trained at Camp Edwards, Massachusetts, and filled assignments in California and on Oahu of the Hawaiian Islands before being sent to the Marianna Islands. He is with an AAA Gun Battalion of heavy antiaircraft artillery attached to Air Forces.

**GREENFIELD, ELMER L.**, serves in the Infantry with a maintenance outfit as a mechanic somewhere in the European field of operations. He was with the forces that invaded France on "D" Day. His duties include keeping the machines of his outfit in running order. He writes that he has seen plenty of action and is often sent to the front lines to "rescue" disabled trucks. He entered the Army in February, 1941. After training at Fort Benning; at A. P. Hill, Virginia; and at Fort Meade, he was, in October, 1942, sent to England where he was stationed until "D" Day. He is now a Sergeant and has received the Combat Duty Medal.

**GRETZ, HARRY**, is an Ensign in the Navy. He received his training at Fort Schuyler and at Camp Sheldon. For over six months, he was on Guard duty aboard a Liberty ship in the Mediterranean area. He took part in the invasion of Southern France. He has earned his European and American Service Ribbons.

**HAMILTON, ROBERT W.**, entered the Army Signal Corps in 1942, and was trained at Fort Monmouth, New Jersey. In June, 1943, he arrived in Australia near Brisbane. Four months later, he was moved to Island X, and thence to Dutch New Guinea, where he is now stationed. In the summer of 1944, he enjoyed a furlough in Sydney, Australia. He is now a Staff Sergeant. His twin brother, Wayne, is in the Navy and at last report still is in the good old U. S. A.

**HAMILTON, WAYNE S.**, is an Aviation Machinist Mate in the Naval Aviation Service, and is now stationed at Boca Chica, Florida. He entered the Navy in 1941 as an Apprentice Seaman and was trained at Norfolk and at Chicago. In May, 1942, he was sent for sixteen months to Iceland, where he endured the chilling blasts, and was then returned to Boca Chica, near the southern tip of Florida. There, he experienced the recent hurricane. He reports that no one at the Naval Station was hurt, but they had to live on fruit and sandwiches for two days. Wayne is the twin brother of Robert, who is in far-off New Guinea.

**HARMON, WILLIAM A.**, of the Army Air Service, while on a mission over Germany on November 11, 1944, was seriously wounded. He entered the Army in 1941 as a Lieutenant and has been advanced to the rank of Major because of his competency and meritorious service. He received training at Maxwell Field, Alabama; at Albany and Bainbridge, Georgia; and at Arcadia, Florida. He has filled assignments at Wright Field; at Orlando, Florida; at the Defense Council in Washington, D. C.; and as Flight Commander of a Bomber Group.

**HARNED, ALBERT E.**, of the U. S. Coast Guard, has received commendation because the Navy Squadron of 125 planes which he commanded flew for more than a year without injury to any of the personnel from air craft accident. He has received commendations for several rescues of air craft at sea. He entered the U. S. Coast Guard Academy in 1930 as a Cadet. He now has the rank of Commander and is with the Air-Sea Rescue Agency. His services have included assignments on ships in the Pacific and Arctic Oceans, at various Coast Guard Air Stations, and as Commander of a Navy Air Craft Training Squadron at Pensacola, Florida. He has been awarded a Defense Medal and Star.

**HARRIES, RALPH EVERETT**, entered the Navy in October, 1943, and is working in the Fleet Post Office as a Mail Specialist. He filled an assignment at Williamsburg, Virginia, but is now stationed at Norfolk.



**HARRISON, ARTHUR P.**, entered the Navy in 1943 and received training at Great Lakes, Illinois; at Texas A. and M.; and at the Naval Research Laboratory in Washington. He has served as an Apprentice Petty Officer and as Platoon Leader. He is now with the Atlantic Fleet.

**HOLLOWELL, JOHN**, of the U. S. Navy, is at the Naval Training School, Fort Schuyler, New York. He entered the Navy in 1943 as an Apprentice Seaman. He received V-12 training at the University of Virginia, Charlottesville. The skill he is acquiring will be useful before this war ends.

**HOLT, GILBERT F.**, is located at a U. S. Coast Guard Supply Depot in New York City, where he serves as a Storekeeper with the insignia of Two Keys. He was inducted in 1942 and was trained at the U. S. Coast Guard Academy, New London, Connecticut. He entered as Apprentice Seaman and has been advanced to the grade of Storekeeper.

**HOOKER, CHARLES B.**, ranks as a Major in the Medical Corps of the Army. He was called into active service from the Reserve Officers Corps in July, 1941, and was stationed for several months at the Port Surgeon's Office, Port of Embarkation, Brooklyn, New York. His duties included traveling back and forth across the Atlantic to look after the health of those aboard the ships transporting troops. He now commands a Clearing Company at Fort Jackson, South Carolina, which is receiving training to take care of the wounded just back of the first lines before they can be sent to the rear for hospital treatment.

**HOY, FRANKLIN G.**, is now in training in the Field Artillery at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. He entered the service as a Private late in 1944. He is one of the most recent additions to the Roll of Honor.

**HUESTIS, JOHN R.**, is at present serving as Chaplain to a Marine Air Forces Unit at Mobile, Alabama. That is a special service he renders, his regular job being photography. He entered the service in 1943. His training included attending a School of Photography in Denver, and a tour of duty in Miami, Florida. He has been advanced from Private to Private First Class.

**HULBERT, JAMES H.**, entered the Navy as an Apprentice Seaman on July 1, 1944. He is training with a Navy V-12 outfit at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, North Carolina. He is eighteen years old and is one of those recently added to the Honor Roll of the Presbyterian Church.

**HUTCHISON, WILLIAM, Jr.**, with the Army Paratroopers, at time of last report was in France. He entered the service as a Private in 1942 and has been promoted to the rank of Corporal. After training at Camp Wheeler, Fort William Henry Harrison, Camp Bradford, and Fort Ethan Allen, he was sent overseas. He was first sent in September, 1943, to Kiska and later returned to Fort Ethan Allen. Since then, he has been in North Africa, Cassino, Anzio, Rome, and Southern France.

**HYATT, W. COLEMAN**, entered the Navy in 1944 as a Seaman, First Class and is now a Radio Technician. He completed his boot training at the Great Lakes Naval Training Center in November. He is eighteen years of age. His mother writes, "I am sure the newsletter will mean much to those in service. Mr. Hyatt and I deeply appreciate the interest of the church in our boy."



**JACOB, PERRY**, is now stationed in Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands, with the Army Transportation Corps. He took R. O. T. C. while a student at the University of Pennsylvania, and after being graduated was commissioned as a Reserve Officer. He was called into active service in March, 1941, as a Second Lieutenant and assigned to the Office of Chief of Transportation, Washington, D. C. He was soon advanced to the rank of Captain. In November, 1943, he was transferred to Fort Lawton, Seattle, Washington. Five months later, he was sent to the South Sea Islands in the Pacific. He spent some time in the New Hebrides. He writes, "The National Geographic Magazine article on the New Hebrides in the August issue is excellent, but Guadalcanal had no previous population and is all G.I."

**JOHNSON, ANDREW R.**, is overseas in the European Theater of Operations with a Headquarters Service Company of Army Engineers. He trained at Camp Crowder, Missouri and at San Antonio, Texas. Entering the service as a Private, he was soon advanced to the rank of Corporal.

**JONES, HERBERT O.**, with a Service Training Command of the Army Air Corps, is for the present stationed at Scott Field, Illinois. Entering the service as a Corporal, he has been advanced to the rank of Second Lieutenant. He was inducted in June, 1943, and sent to Camp Crowder, Missouri to receive training in the Signal Corps. He returned to Maryland University in October, 1943, to resume his studies in Engineering. In January, 1944, he transferred to the Air Corps and entered the Officers Training School at Miami Beach. Being graduated in April, 1944, he was commissioned a Second Lieutenant and sent to Scott Field.

**JONES, THOMAS W.**, is in the European Theater of Operations with an Infantry Division. He entered the service in July, 1943, as a Corporal and was sent to Fort Benning, Georgia, where he took the Officers Training School Course. Being graduated in December, 1943, he was commissioned a Second Lieutenant and was retained as an instructor until June, 1944, when he was transferred to Camp Howze, Texas. Three months later, he was sent overseas.

**KEPHART, GEORGE**, is First Pilot on a Patrol Bomber operating from a Coast Guard Air Base in California. Entering the service in 1942, he received training at the Coast Guard Academy, at Naval Air Stations at Memphis, Pensacola, and Banana River. He also took training in the Chemical Warfare Service at Edgewood Arsenal. He served for nearly a year on Sub-Chaser duty off the coast of North Carolina. He entered the Coast Guard as a Cadet and has been advanced to the Navy rank of Lieutenant.

**KIEFER, WILTON**, enlisted in September, 1940, as a Seaman in the Coast Guard. He served for a period on a Fire Boat at Baltimore. He filled several assignments from Maine to Norfolk, including service on a submarine chaser out of Norfolk. He was promoted to Chief Petty Officer. In May, 1944, he received a Medical Discharge and is now employed in industry.

**KINDNESS, GORDON R.**, is with the Naval Hospital Corps, Dental Department, and is stationed at the U. S. N. Frontier Base, Thompkinsville, New York. He volunteered in 1943 at the age of seventeen, and took training at Bainbridge Hospital Corps School; at the Naval Hospital, Bethesda, Maryland; and dental training in Boston, Massachusetts. He has been advanced from Apprentice Seaman to Hospital Apprentice, First Class.

**KYLE, JOE M.**, of the Navy Air Cadet Corps, is stationed at Duke University, Durham, North Carolina for training. He entered the service as an Apprentice Seaman during the current year before reaching the age of eighteen. He is new in the service and young for its responsibilities, but he is on his way and will acquire experience and skill with the enthusiasm of youth.

**LAMOND, WILLIAM WALLACE, Jr.**, is in the Supply Service of the Navy. He is stationed at Vero Beach, Florida. He entered the Navy in 1942 as an Ensign and through efficient service has been advanced to the rank of Lieutenant, junior grade. Lieutenant Lamond has a wife and two sons.

**LAWSHE, ROGER D.**, is with the Army Medical Reserve Corps in California, having entered the service in 1944. He had been graduated in the Pre-Medical Course of Occidental College at Eagle Rock, California. He has been assigned to the University of Southern California for his second year in medicine. When he becomes an M.D., he will have plenty to do both in war times and in peace times.

**LEWIS, PALMER**, stationed somewhere in England, writes, "Guy Goodman from Takoma, who visited me several weeks ago, is to fly his last mission as a bombardier in a fortress today. Had lunch in London with Howard Cromwell, a friend from Washington, D. C." Palmer is now in the Signal Corps. He entered the Infantry in 1941 and took training at Fort Meade, Fort Bragg, Fort Meyer, Fort Monmouth, and Fort Hancock. He transferred to the Signal Corps at Fort Meyer. He entered as a Private and has been promoted to the rank of First Lieutenant.

**LINTON, FRED B., Jr.**, is assigned to the International Division of the Army Service Forces, War Department, Washington, D. C. He assists in handling military lend lease supplies and equipment to the United Nations. He recently returned from a special mission to Italy and North Africa. He took dinner one evening in Casablanca, Africa, and on the evening of the next day he was at his home in Silver Spring, Maryland in time for dinner. He entered the service in 1942 as a Captain, and has been advanced since to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

**LINTON, WILLIAM M.**, landed in France on "D" Day, although in crossing the channel his boat was sunk. He was under continuous fire for several days. He marched through Paris, stopping only long enough for a tub bath in cold water. Since then, he has been in action with the First Army at or near the German border. He entered the Army in 1941, after being graduated at West Point, as a Second Lieutenant. He assisted in training officer candidates at Fort Belvoir, and was sent to England in January, 1944. With the rank of Lieutenant Colonel, he commands a Combat Battalion of Engineers. He has been awarded the Bronze Star. He says, "Sherman was right about war."

**LYON, ROBERT M.**, is engaged in administrative work in the Army Service Forces Training Center at Camp Lee, Virginia. Entering the service in 1943 as a Private, he has been advanced to the rank of Sergeant. He reports that he "fought the 'Battle of Camp Lee' since January 26, 1944." His friends of the Aokiya Class, of the Seventy-Niners, and of the Citizens Bank of Takoma Park of which is Assistant Cashier, know that any battle in which he is engaged will be fought with distinction.



**McCLENON, PAUL R.**, of the Field Artillery, is at present at Camp McCoy, Wisconsin, but he expects to be sent elsewhere in the near future. Paul is a straight shooter and has already been recognized as a sharpshooter, for his marksmanship, and for good conduct. He entered the service in 1942 and has received training at Fort Bragg and Michigan State College. He served for a time as an Air Forces Supply Clerk at Indianapolis. He has advanced from Private to Technician 5th Grade.

**McNARY, JOHN H.**, was killed in action on June 7, 1944, when the motor vehicle in which he rode hit a land mine in Italy. He was graduated from Pennsylvania State College in engineering in 1940. He took an active part in R. O. T. C. training while in college, and after graduation was commissioned as a Reserve Officer. Later, he was called into active service and commissioned as a Lieutenant in the Corps of Engineers. He was trained at Fort Belvoir and at Fort Benning. On Sunday, November 12, 1944, memorial services were observed for him in the Takoma Park Presbyterian Church. His friend, Ensign Evan Fisher, spoke on "John as I Knew Him."

**McKNIGHT, BETTIE J.**, writes, "I am proud to be a member of the Navy Nurse Corps, but I hope and pray it will be over soon, so we can all resume normal lives again." She entered the Navy in 1943 with the rank of Ensign. She had been trained for her profession at the Garfield Memorial Hospital School of Nursing. She has filled assignments at U. S. Naval Hospital at Norfolk, Virginia and at Jacksonville, Florida, where she is now stationed.

**MAGATHAN, DAVID H.**, sends "greetings and wishes for the best of luck to friends of Troop 33, and all the rest at Tulip and Maple Avenues and at Roosevelt High School." He has advanced to the rank of Second Lieutenant, having entered the enlisted reserve as a Private. He received his basic training at Camp Croft, South Carolina, and took Officers Training Course at Fort Benning, Georgia. He also had training at the Valley Forge Military Academy, Wayne, Pennsylvania; at College of City of New York; and at Virginia Polytechnic Institute. He is now stationed with an Infantry Division at Camp Van Dorn, Mississippi.

**MAGATHAN, WALLACE C., Jr.**, now a First Lieutenant, longs to be with the Field Artillery but obeys orders to serve on the faculty of the U. S. Military Academy at West Point as an Instructor in the Department of Economics, Government, and History, thus assisting in training future officers of the U. S. Army. The Lieutenant was graduated from West Point in June, 1943, and entered the Field Artillery. He was sent to Fort Sill, Oklahoma, then to Camp Swift, Texas, and later to Shreveport, Louisiana, for extended maneuvers, and finally to Fort Wood, Missouri. During the summer of 1944, he took a special course at Columbia University to prepare him for his teaching job at West Point. He sends "greetings to Troop 33 and to other friends of days when all were together at Tulip and Maple Avenues."

**MAGNESS, JOHN NEWTON**, is a top gunner in a B-24 Liberator Turret in the once beautiful but now devastated land of Italy. Entering the Air Force in 1943 as a Private, he has been promoted to the rank of Sergeant and has received the Air Medal. He trained at various points in Mississippi, Ohio, Colorado, Texas, and Idaho. He took a course in a Gunnery School, trained with a Bomber Crew, and then sailed for England. Later, he moved to Italy. While located near San Antonio, Texas, he had a delightful weekend with Lieutenant Guy Goodman, who also calls Takoma Park his home town. Sergeant Magness in October had completed fifteen combat missions, including such targets as Vienna, Munich, and Blechhammer.



**MAGNESS, ROBERT M.**, an Aviation Cadet, is receiving training as a Pilot in the Army Air Corps at Bakersfield, California. He took a course at a Radio School and trained as a Radio-Gunner. His training assignments included periods in Florida, South Dakota, Washington, Utah, Arizona, and California. He had the good fortune a year ago to be located within visiting distance of his brother, John Newton, and did they make the most of their opportunity. Since he entered the Army in 1942, Robert has had no other chance to see his brother, who is now in Italy.

**MARSHALL, D. WAYNE**, on July 1, 1944, entered the Naval Air Corps as an Apprentice Seaman. He is attending Emory and Henry College at Emory, Virginia, in the V-12 Unit. He reached the age of eighteen on October 12, 1944.

**MARTIN, NORMAN D.**, is with a Bomb Squadron of the Army Air Force based in England. He is a gunner on a B-17. He took his basic training at Miami, Florida, after entering the service in 1943. He attended the Ft. Meyer Gunnery School and was then sent to Buckley and Lowry Fields, Denver, where he did his first flying. After assignments in Colorado Springs and in Oklahoma City, he was transferred to Langley Field, Virginia, and thence to England. Norman is a Sergeant and has been awarded the Air Medal. On the Sunday set aside for World Wide Communion Service, his Bomber Group attended a Chapel service at which two windows were dedicated as memorials to those of the group who had lost their lives in the service of their country. When peace comes, the windows will be given to local churches in England, where they will serve as a constant reminder of their Good Neighbors.

**MATSON, JOHN E.**, of the U. S. Navy, is the Officer in charge of a gun crew of twenty-six men on a Liberty ship of the Merchant Marine. He has made trips to East and West coasts of Central and South America. He entered the service in 1942 as an Ensign, and received his training at Dartmouth, Princeton, Boston, Gulfport, and New Orleans. He has been advanced to the rank of Lieutenant. He writes, "My crew is a good bunch and we get along fine. Everything aboard ship seems to be running quite smoothly, and if it continues this way, I couldn't ask for anything better." In another letter, he said, "I received a nice little prayer book from the Presbyterian Church and will appreciate your thanking Mr. Schearrer for it."

**MEIER, MAX**, who is in the Finance Department, Air Transport Command, U. S. Army Air Forces, writes from his station in Wilmington, Delaware to his church friends in the service as follows: "Having been stationed near home for the past ten months, I have gone to church frequently. I must say the folks in church back home have not forgotten us. I know they are ever with us in thought and neverending prayer." He entered the Army in July, 1943, as a Private and has been advanced to Corporal. He has served at Presque Island, Maine; at the Billy Mitchel Field, Milwaukee, Wisconsin; and at the New Castle Army Air Base, Wilmington, Delaware.

**MIKESELL, GEORGE H.**, is somewhere in France with a Bombardment Division of the U. S. Army. He enlisted on March 5, 1941, as a "Buck" private and has been promoted to the rank of Captain. For eighteen months after his enlistment, he was with a Troop of Horse Cavalry at Camp Forrest, Louisiana and at Camp Ord, California. He then attended the Officer Candi-

date School for Chemical Warfare. Some fifteen months ago, he was sent to England and while there transferred to a Bombardment Division. His family states, "Will be most happy when this war is over and he and all his Buddies can return to the U. S. A. and 'Home Sweet Home'."

MILLS, DeFORD, is in the Army Service of Supply and is located at Fort Douglas, Utah. He entered the Army in 1942, received training at Princeton University, and for two years served as a Merchandise Specialist in San Francisco. He was commissioned as a First Lieutenant when he entered the Army, and has been advanced to the rank of Captain. In October of this year, the Captain was favored with a visit from his father and mother.

MOORE, SAMUEL V., a Captain in the Army Air Force, recently united with the Takoma Park Presbyterian Church, and so his name, with that of one hundred fifty-three others, is placed on our Honor Roll. He entered the Army as a Second Lieutenant on the day he was graduated from the University of Maryland in 1942. His basic training was with the R. O. T. C. at the university. For a time, he was stationed at the Oklahoma City Air Depot, Tinker Field, where he was attached to Post Headquarters as a Visual Aids Officer. He then filled an assignment at an Army Air Force Base Unit at Robins Field, Georgia.

MORTON, HAROLD S., entered World War II as a Major and has been advanced to the rank of Colonel. He is in the Ordnance Service somewhere in the European Theater of Operations. Colonel Morton is one of the Elders of the Takoma Park Presbyterian Church. He served in France in World War I, and after that was retired with the rank of Major. He was called back into service as soon as the United States entered World War II because of his special qualifications for developing effective offensive weapons.

MORTON, RICHARD C., entered the Navy in October, 1944, at the age of seventeen. He has been sent to Great Lakes, Illinois, for training. His is one of the latest names to be added to the Roll of Honor of the Church.

MOSLEY, KIRK T., entered the Medical Corps of the Army in 1942 as a Captain. He has been promoted to the rank of Major. He served a tour of duty in the Surgeon General's Office in Washington and was then sent overseas. He is now serving as an Epidermologist in India, covering the China, Burma, India theater. His specialized knowledge will be most helpful in the lands where insects abound.

NORMANDY, WILLARD, Jr., entered the Navy in 1944 and has been stationed at the Great Lakes Naval Training Center. Within his training company, he ranks as a Petty Officer, Third Grade. His family reports that he "is very happy at Great Lakes. Several of the Silver Spring boys are there, including Bert Bergman and J. Harr." Willard is seventeen years of age. He had the good fortune to be scheduled for a visit to Takoma Park and home early in December.

PAILTHORP, JOHN R., has been greatly impressed by the beauty and grandeur of old Rome, where he occasionally visits from his post high in the mountains of Italy. He is with a Searchlight Battalion of the Coast Artillery protecting an Air Base. He has also visited Naples, Sorrento, and the Isle of Capri. He entered the service in 1942 as a Second Lieutenant, having taken R. O. T. C. training at Michigan State College. His first



assignment was at San Diego, California. He landed in Africa in January, 1943, at Oran. Before his transfer to Italy in April, 1944, he served also in Algiers, Constantine, Bizerte, and Tunis. He has been advanced to the rank of First Lieutenant.

**PARSONS, JOHN E.**, has been trained in Radar and is now working at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He entered the Navy in 1943, and has attended Indoctrination School, Long Island, New York; and Brown University, Brunswick, Maine. He has been promoted from Lieutenant, junior grade, to Lieutenant.

**PARSONS, ROBERT L.**, is with the Office of Public Relations, Navy Department. Although stationed in Washington, D. C., he travels extensively in order to assist in publicizing the activities of the Navy for the purpose of encouraging enlistments. Entering the Navy as a Lieutenant, junior grade, he has been advanced to the rank of Lieutenant. He is in the Art and Poster Section of Public Relations, where his previous experience in the Corcoran Gallery of Art is a most valuable asset.

**POOLE, CHARLES T. Jr.**, entered the Army Air Force in 1943, and is serving as an Aviation Cadet at Bainbridge, Georgia. He took his basic training at Miami Beach, Florida, and a course of training at North Carolina State College, Raleigh, North Carolina before his assignment to the Bainbridge Army Air Field.

**POTTS, CHESTER M.**, is with the Transportation Unit of the Quartermaster Corps of the U. S. Army, and is stationed at Walter Reed Hospital in Washington, D. C. He was inducted in 1943, and received training at North Camp Hood, Texas; and at Camp Lee, Virginia. For three months, he was assigned to Fort Meade, Maryland. His family reports: "Chester is enjoying his service in the U. S. Army, and except for the fact he was rejected for overseas service because of asthmatic and respiratory conditions, he would now be overseas with his unit in the Tank Destroyers in which he was trained at North Camp Hood, Texas."

**QUEEN, G. BURTON, Dr.**, of the Marine Corps, is with a Troop Training Unit at present in California. He entered the service in 1942, and took training at the Washington Navy Yard. After that and before his present assignment in California, he had over seas service in Africa and Sicily. He is a Lieutenant, and serving as a Medical Instructor.

**REED, ELIZABETH**, is in training as "Cadet Nurse" under the Public Health Service, and is stationed at Children's Hospital, Washington, D. C. She has been advanced from the Freshman to the Junior grade. What splendid service those who train for the arduous work of nursing prepare themselves to render.

**REYNOLDS, ELBERT LAMAR**, is a Lieutenant in the Coast Guard. He entered the service in March, 1943. He is stationed at Coast Guard Headquarters in Washington, D. C. and lives in Silver Spring, Maryland.

**RICHMOND, ALFRED W.**, entered the Navy in 1943 as an Apprentice Seaman. He is training with a Navy V-12 outfit at Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island. He observed his nineteenth birthday in October of this year.

**RITTER, MARSHALL H.**, was with one of the first Air Corps Units to serve in New Guinea. He took part in several major battles on that island. He was for two years in the Southwest Pacific area, but is now located in Colorado Springs, Colorado. He enlisted in the Army Air Corps in October, 1940, and was trained at Langley Field, Virginia. He was graduated from the Casey Jones School of Aeronautics, Newark, New Jersey. He ranks as a Master Sergeant.

**RUTLEDGE, HERBERT W.**, is with the Field Artillery somewhere in Southern France. Before going to France, he was in action in Africa and in Italy. He entered the service on February 7, 1942, and trained at Fort Bragg, Camp Blanding, and Fort Sill. He has been awarded two medals. He writes, "I've seen Naples, Rome, Florence, and many so-called 'beauty' spots, but to me nothing on earth could be so beautiful right now as even 'Foggy Bottom' in Takoma Park, U. S. A."

**SASSER, LEWIS S., Jr.**, is now in Germany on his way to Berlin with an Armored Force. He reports that one morning his tank went over a twenty-five foot embankment, landed upside down, and rolled over on its side. "I felt from the start," he writes, "that it was turning over and braced myself with head well down inside the turret and waited for the worst, which soon came. Seemed that everything stationary broke loose and we had quite a number of 75-rounds on the floor, which flew around when the tank landed upside down. Quite an experience, but got out of it with only a couple of small cuts on my hand and one on my leg—quite thankful." He entered the Army in March, 1941, as a Private, and was soon advanced to rank of Sergeant. He entered Officers' Training School at Fort Knox and in October, 1942, was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant. He has since advanced to the rank of First Lieutenant. He was sent overseas in February, 1943, landing in Africa. He took part in the invasions of Sicily and of France, and has been in action in Germany.

**SAUNDERS, DAVID McKEON**, was graduated from the Naval Academy at Annapolis in June, 1944, and immediately entered the Navy as an Ensign. He began his naval career at the Academy in July, 1941, and was graduated three years later near the head of his class. After one month of air indoctrination at the Naval Air Station at Jacksonville, Florida, he was sent to the Pacific to serve on a new light cruiser.

**SCOTT, JOHN R., Jr.**, is with a Headquarters Detachment of an Ordnance Battalion somewhere in Belgium. Enlisting in the reserves in June, 1942, he was called into active service in April, 1943, as a Private. He has been advanced to Technician, Fifth Grade. He received training at the Aberdeen Proving Ground, Aberdeen, Maryland. He landed in Scotland in October, 1943, and moved on to England. One week after D-Day, he entered France and then Belgium. He has driven a jeep and a truck, kept office records, and acted as Chaplain's assistant. He visited London, but says that Paris is the most beautiful city he has seen. He never mentions the war in his letters, his family reports, but states that "he does not expect to get home for a long time."

**SCOTT, RICHARD W.**, entered the Army Air Forces in March, 1943. He trained at Miami Beach and Lincoln Air Base. While in training, he contracted lobar pneumonia, and after a long illness was discharged from the Army. Returning home, he gained in weight and strength, and this Fall he entered the University of Maryland.



**SCRIVENER, DAVID S.**, is in way-off India, the land of Kipling's stories, where he serves in the Army Air Force. David entered the service in 1943. He received his training at Atlantic City, New Jersey; at Santa Anita, California; and at Salina, Kansas. He is seeing something of the world in his line of duty. He entered as a Private and through meritorious work has advanced to the rank of Sergeant.

**SEAMAN, HAROLD L.**, enlisted in the Army in 1942 and received his training at Camp Atterbury, Indiana. He is with an Hq and Hq Company of the Army Ground Forces, stationed at the Army War College, Washington, D. C. He entered the service as a Private and has been advanced to Technician Fourth Grade.

**SHOEMAKER, PHYLLIS**, is a Cadet Nurse at the Tampa Municipal Hospital, Tampa, Florida. Her two brothers are in the armed services. She is preparing for a profession that involves hard work, but offers opportunity for high grade service of the utmost usefulness. Her parents reside at 220 Holly Avenue, Takoma Park.

**SHOEMAKER, ROBERT O.**, is now in the Army Air Corps and was operating from a base somewhere in England. He entered the Infantry in 1943 and trained in that branch for four months at Fort Jackson, South Carolina. He transferred to the Air Corps in November, 1943, and trained at Miami, Florida; at Laredo, Texas; and at Sioux City, Iowa. He went overseas in July, 1944. He served as a gunner on a B-17. He has been advanced to Sergeant. Robert has been reported as "missing in action."

**SKINNER, EDWARD F.**, is an Aviation Machinist's Mate, First Class. At present he is located at the Naval Air Station, Washington, D. C. He entered the Navy in December, 1942, and trained at Norfolk, Virginia. For one year, he served in San Juan, Puerto, Rico.

**STEDMAN, BRUCE**, entered the Navy in 1942 and took training at the Midshipmen's School at Northwestern University, Chicago and later at Miami, Florida. After receiving a commission as Ensign, he was assigned to "Coastal Defense" and stationed at Little Creek, Virginia. He served on two sub-chasers and was "Skipper" of one for a time. He is now Communications Officer on a vessel somewhere in the South Pacific with the rank of Lieutenant, junior grade.

**STEINER, WARREN**, is an Engineering Officer with the Third Air Force of the Army at Gulfport, Mississippi. He had a variety of training, including courses at the University of Maryland and at Yale, with special work at the Glen Martin Plant in Baltimore and with Pratt and Whitney at Hartford, Connecticut. He also took a refresher course at Miami. He has been advanced in rank from Second to First Lieutenant. After a short assignment at Biloxi, Mississippi, he was transferred to Gulfport when the field there was opened for operations. He was with the base engineering office of the Technical Training Command at Gulfport until April, 1944, when he received his present assignment.

**STINSON, JOHN**, enlisted in 1944 and is in training as an Air Corps Cadet. He is at present stationed in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. He is eighteen years ago. His father sang in the choir of the Takoma Park Presbyterian Church for several years, but has been transferred to Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, where he is employed by the Federal Government.

**STODDARD, DAVID L.**, entered the Army Medical Corps as a Private in January, 1944. After taking boot training at Camp Barkeley, Texas, he entered the Officers Candidate School at the same camp and is now on his way to become a commissioned officer in Medical Administration. His wife is near him, and their baby is "happy with Grandma Howell in Ashville." David goes to the Abilene Presbyterian Church when he can, and says he enjoys singing again.

**STOWE, DAVID E.**, enlisted in the Medical Corps of the Army in December, 1942. He received basic training at Camp Robinson, Arkansas, and then took nine months of desert training at San Bernardino, California. He received the Good Conduct Award and a Sharpshooter Medal. On June 7, 1944, he was honorably discharged from the Army at San Bernardino, California.

**STUART, DONALD H.**, has been advanced to the rank of Major from that of First Lieutenant in the Air Transport Service. He volunteered in World War I in 1918, and was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the Officers Reserve Corps in 1919. He was called into active service in March, 1942, from his position as Senior Pilot in Boston with a commercial airline company. After a short training course at West Palm Beach, he was sent to Knoxville as Assistant Manager of a U. S. Air Base. He took a special course at Hartford, Connecticut, was then transferred to Memphis, Tennessee, and, in March, 1943, was sent to Scotland. At present, he is in charge of an air base somewhere in England. "There is no color line in England," he says, and he wonders what will be the reaction of negro service men when they return to the U. S. A.

**TARBETT, JAMES ALLEN**, writes from a hospital in England, "I never wanted the Purple Heart, but now that I have it I thank God that I'm alive to talk about it." He was seriously wounded in action on July 20 over England while serving as an aerial gunner with the Army Air Force. He is still in the hospital, suffering from two broken bones in his back. He entered the service in May, 1943, and was sent to England one year later. He is a Staff Sergeant. He has received a Presidential Citation and the Purple Heart. He says, "The country here in England is lovely, but I can't get back to the States too soon."

**THOMAS, RAYMOND D.**, enlisted in the Navy in February, 1942. He has served in both the Atlantic and Pacific Theaters of Operation. He was at last report on a Destroyer in the Atlantic. He attended the U. S. Naval Reserve Midshipman's School at Notre Dame, South Bend, Indiana. He now ranks as a Lieutenant, junior grade.

**THOMAS, WESLEY EUGENE**, is back in Washington after spending six months on a tour of duty in Greenland, where he helped unload ships and served as a guard. He entered the Coast Artillery in January, 1942, and received his basic training at Fort Eustis.

**THOMASON, C. TEMPLE**, is with the Army Air Forces in Washington. He is attached to a Headquarters Unit which constructs Airports in all parts of the world, including the United States. He is Chief of the Foreign Section. He was called into service in 1940 from the reserves and commissioned a First Lieutenant. He has since advanced to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel.



**TURNER, PHILLIP R.**, is with a Medical Battalion somewhere in Europe, probably in Holland. A reserve officer before the outbreak of war, he entered the Medical Corps in 1941 as a First Lieutenant, and has been advanced to the rank of Captain. He received training at Fort Meade, Carlisle Medical Center, Fort Bragg, and Fort Blanding before being sent to England, where he was stationed for two years. He went into France with the invasion. He has served in Normandy, in Brittany, and at Brest. He writes, "Considering the wounded men whom I have treated, I'm sure that each hour this war lasts is one hour too long."

**VAUGHN, THOMAS S.**, is an M. P. with a Ground Air Corps in England. Entering the service in 1943, he received his basic training in Florida and at Camp Ripley, Minnesota. Five months after his induction, he was sent overseas. He has been advanced from Private to Private First Class. His family reports that he is well, and they think he will enjoy this newsletter.

**VAUGHN, WILLIAM L.**, is recovering at Walter Reed Hospital from injuries received in a night jump while serving as a Paratrooper with the Parachute Infantry. William volunteered for paratroop service after he had been graduated from an Army Radio School as a Radio Operator. He received his Wings and Boots in February at Fort Benning, Georgia. Entering the Army in 1943, he received training in Kentucky, North Carolina, and Georgia. According to latest reports from Walter Reed, he was "feeling fairly well."

**VOGEL, JACK, R.**, was killed in action in New Guinea on July 5, 1944. He had been assigned to an Infantry Division trained especially in jungle warfare. He entered the service in June, 1943, as a Trooper and took training in a Cavalry School at Fort Riley, Kansas, and later trained at Fort Ord, California. Before being sent overseas, he was transferred to Infantry. In New Guinea, he met three Takoma Park men in the service: Henry E. Allanson, Jr., Robert Hamilton, and Kenneth Youngblood. Jack was nineteen years old. He was awarded the Purple Heart posthumously. Memorial services for him were observed on Sunday, November 12th, 1944, by the Takoma Park Presbyterian Church. Roger Saunders spoke on "Jack as I Knew Him."

**WALKER, JOHN A.**, of the U. S. Army Air Corps, has had over two hundred hours in combat flying over France and Germany. On his second mission, his group brought down eight German planes. On another trip, the group shot down thirty-three enemy planes and crippled twenty-six others. He enlisted in the Coast Guard in 1938 and later transferred to the Marine Reserves, from which he was honorably discharged. He enlisted in the Army Air Corps in 1942 as an Air Cadet at Nashville, Tennessee, and received training at various stations in the West Coast until May 1, 1944, when he was sent overseas. He is now a First Lieutenant and has been awarded the Air Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters. On his twenty-fourth birthday, he wrote, "I was over the industrial section of Germany and came near getting hit. Wonder what Mother and Dad would have said if they had known twenty-four years ago where I would be today. I am trusting in God, and often think I can hear Mother talking to me."

**WARNER, ROBERT KEITH**, entered the Army in July, 1944. He took basic training at Camp Wheeler, Georgia. He is now taking the Army Specialized Training Program at North Carolina State College, Raleigh, North Carolina. Out of a group of Takoma Park Presbyterian men who entered the armed forces in July, 1944, Keith was the only one who entered the Army.

**WELCH, LESTER, Jr.**, entered the Chemical Warfare Service in 1943, and is stationed at Camp Sibert in Alabama. He has been advanced in rank from Private to Sergeant. Before entering the service, he taught Chemistry at Montgomery-Blair High School and was very popular with the students. His knowledge of chemistry equips him for a great variety of services. His experiences during the war will no doubt provide him with many illuminating illustrations for classroom use when he returns to private life.

**WILLIAMS, RALPH I.**, after overseas service of twenty-one months, is now operating in the United States with the Service and Supply branch of the Army Ferry Command. His first assignment was in Alaska and then in North Africa and the Mediterranean Theater of Operations with the Army Air Forces. He was active in R. O. T. C. at the University of Maryland, and for two years was Military Instructor there. He has advanced from the rank of Captain to that of Lieutenant Colonel.

**WILSON, CHARLES**, is a First Class Seaman, training in Aerial Gunnery at Jacksonville, Florida, for the Navy. He took courses at the University of Pennsylvania and at Moravian College, Pennsylvania. For a time, he was stationed at Memphis, Tennessee for technical training. He entered the service as a Naval Air Cadet. His father, Fred S. Wilson, is a Major in the Army.

**WILSON, FRED S.**, ranks as a Major in the Ordnance Department of the Army. He received training in Ordnance work at St. Louis, Missouri and at Lowell, Massachusetts. He is a specialist on small arms. Looking after the production and distribution of these essential weapons of war is a most important task. He is stationed at the famous Pentagon Building, just across the Potomac from Washington, D. C.

**WOOLBERT, KARL L.**, entered the Army as a Private in 1944. After a period of training at Fort McClellan, Alabama, he was sent overseas. He is with an Infantry Division somewhere in the European field of operations.

**YATES, WILLIAM F.**, with other members of his Troop Transport group, received a citation for bravery in dropping paratroopers and gliders with accuracy over Normandy during the invasion in June. He has been awarded the Air Medal. Entering the Army Air Corps in 1942, he was trained at Duncan Field, Texas, and at Tulsa, Oklahoma. He was sent to Africa in February, 1943, and later based in England. After finishing his job in Normandy in June, 1944, he was sent to Italy and took part in the invasion of Southern France. After completing that job, he was again stationed in England. He writes, "I have seen New York, Paris, London, Rome, and many other big cities, and Takoma Park looks the best of all."



## **GOLD STARS**

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June 28, 1918 — November 4, 1943

**John H. McNary**

November 7, 1918 — June 7, 1944

**Jack R. Vogel**

March 4, 1925 — July 5, 1944

### That Holy Thing

They all were looking for a king  
To slay their foes and lift them high;  
Thou cam'st, a little baby thing  
That made a woman cry.

O Son of Man, to right my lot  
Naught but thy presence can avail;  
Yet on the road thy wheels are not,  
Nor on the sea thy sail!

My how or why thou wilt not heed,  
But come down thine own secret stair,  
That thou mayest answer all my need—  
Yea, every bygone prayer.

George MacDonald.



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