

FAITH IN GOD AND SELF IS THE SUBSTANCE OF HEROISM

(From Weekly Unity) Distinguished performance, more often than we think, rests on the faith that with the help of God all things are possible to us.

In his column in the Newark Evening News, Whitney Bolton announces that he has at last found a hero and incidentally tells something of how the impossible becomes first the possible and then an accomplished fact.

"This column has been looking for a hero. Every person has a psychological need for a hero, a symbol of security and the faith that all is or will be well . . .

"I think, after careful study for weeks and months, I've found my hero. He comes nearer to specifications I need than anybody yet. He's a little man out of Texas, a sergeant, and his story is just becoming known. His name is Harry M. Hayes, San Antonio boy.

"Hayes, with only the slightest knowledge of flying any kind of plane, took that most difficult of flying instruments—the Flying Fortress—from Java to Australia, one thousand three hundred miles, without charts or maps, the plane faltering, overloaded with eighteen men, women and children, landed it without flaps, a miracle all by itself, and delivered his refugees unharmed. Ten minutes later, an astonished, stunned board of air-crops officers forthwith declared the giant plane useless and unfit for service of any kind and had it dismantled.

"The prayer 'Hold thou me up, and I shall be safe,' is one that the air pilot may well make, with its attendant realization. Prayer is the first and chief essential.

"Only those who have flown can appreciate to the rich full the tremendous miracle of this flight. Not a pilot, not an officer, more a mechanic with a slight feel for piloting, Hayes took eighteen doomed souls to safety with string, chewing gum, wire, canvas and prayer. The average competent pilot, unused to large or military craft, would think a long time before attempting flying one of the great fortresses. He would want a trained co-pilot, he would want a book of gauge instruction, he would want at least a few hours of dual instruction and most certainly, next to full tanks and a flawless oiling system, he would want wing flaps.

"In times of desperation something happens to a man. It happened to Hayes. This column has never set forth any article of faith, it is not now hysterical about Hayes and his gigantic feat, but it cannot close without stating that if man ever needed some sign that there is a divine power which helps, Hayes needed it then. And his astonishing flight seems to me to be reliable proof that he received it.

Navy Aviation Cadet



Naval Aviation Cadet William Charles Kellerman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kellerman, of 382 East Bishop street, Bellefonte, is now receiving his initial flight training at the Civil Aeronautics Authority War Training School at State Teachers College, Lock Haven.

Poets' Corner

SUMMER. You may talk about the Autumn, the Winter and the Spring. We know these seasons all are very fine. But the luscious fruit, the grain and all the flowers in bloom. Come mostly in the good old Summer time.

SOLDIER BOY. Soldier Boy, take God with you. He will lead you across the waves. He will give you peace and comfort. When all the world has tried and failed.

TO OUR FIGHTING MEN. The men of Kerns are on review. And mighty impressive they look, too. Some are short and some are tall. But very good Americans all!

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Is Flying Armorer



Pvt. Houser, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Houser, of East High street, Bellefonte, entered the service on December 29, 1942, and from the reception center at New Cumberland was sent to Miami Beach, Florida, where he was assigned to the Air Corps. In February this year he was transferred to Denver Colorado, and in April was sent to Dyersburg, Tenn., where he is now stationed as a flying armorer.

Private Houser, a graduate of the Bellefonte High School in the class of 1940, was employed by Miller & Bernstein, Lewistown distribution agency, prior to entering the service. In March, 1943, at Denver, Colorado, he was married to the former Miss Jane Alkey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clark Alkey, of East Linn street, Bellefonte. Mrs. Houser is continuing her work in the offices of the DeHaas Electric Company.

In Naval Reserves



Seaman Second Class Zimmerman, son of M. W. Zimmerman of Howard, enlisted in the U. S. Navy Reserves on his birthday, May 21, 1943, at Baltimore, Md., where he had been employed by the Glenn L. Martin Company in aircraft construction. He received his basic "boot" training at the U. S. Naval Training Station at Sampson, N. Y., and was awarded the rating of Seaman 2nd Class upon completion of his training on July 16, at which time he spent a seven-day furlough with his family, who reside at 46 Stabilizer Drive, Victory Villa, Middle River, Md. Jack has been assigned to active duty at Norfolk, Va., and we join with his former classmates at the Howard High School and townsfolk in wishing him every success.

Promoted to Corporal. Private Robert P. Hodge, who is in training at Camp Polk, La., has been promoted to corporal, according to announcement by his commanding officer, 1st Lieut. Kemple Tucker. Corporal Hodge is a member of Co. D, 36th Armored Regiment, 8th Armored Division. He is a son of Mrs. Rhoda Hodge, of Pine Glen.

Arrives Overseas. Mr. and Mrs. Earl Boal of State College, received word this week from their son, Staff Sgt. Charles Boal, that he had arrived safely "Somewhere in England." He is a gunner in a bomber squadron. He has been in the Air Force for two years.

Promoted to Corporal. Mr. and Mrs. John Gordon, of North Thomas street, Bellefonte, learned this week that their son, Fred Gordon, has been raised to the rank of corporal. Cpl. Gordon is in the Medical Corps and is stationed in England.

Brothers Promoted. JAY and Richard Knapp, sons of Mrs. Dorothy Knapp of Bellefonte, were recently promoted to the rank of private first class. Jay is now on duty overseas and his brother is stationed at Groton, Conn.

Quick Promotion. Morris Houser, who is in the Field Artillery stationed at Camp Rucker, Ala., has been promoted to the rank of corporal, his wife, the former Verna Bickie of Pike street, learned. Cpl. Houser has been in the service only one month.

HONOR ROLL

BROTHERS SEPARATED BY OCEAN



One training on foreign shores, the other in a U. S. military camp, the McKinley brothers, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Henry McKinley of Milesburg, have but one object in view—ultimate victory for Uncle Sam and his allies.

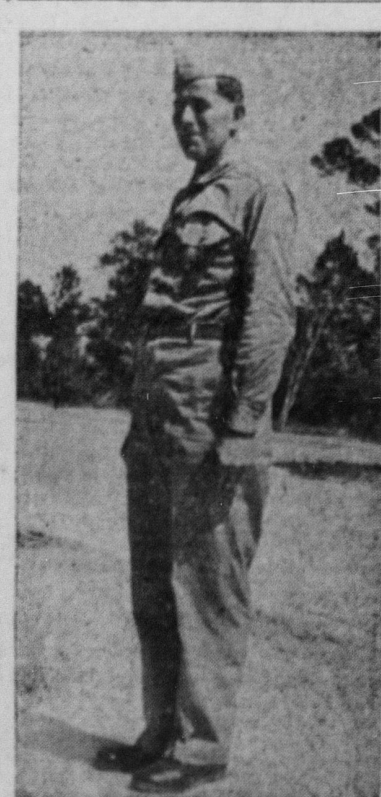
FAMILY AIDING IN WAR EFFORT



Pvt. Meckley, 29, of the Jacksonville Road, and his nephew, Seaman 2-c Kermit Korman, 19, of Curdin, are contributing substantially to the war effort through their service in the Army and Navy, respectively.

Private Meckley, son of Miles Meckley, of the Jacksonville Road, 5 miles east of Bellefonte, entered the service on February 8, 1943 and from New Cumberland was sent to Salem, Oregon, where he was in the Army salvage department until June 15 when he was transferred to Los Angeles, California, where he now is stationed. Private Meckley, who formerly conducted a service station on the Jacksonville road and who was employed for a time at the Buick garage on Water street, Bellefonte, has two children: Mary, who is with the Peter Lyons family along the Jacksonville road, and William, who is with the Thomas Wells family at Centre Hill.

In Army Service



Corporal Breen, a former employe of the Fish Hatchery, is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry E. Breen of Bellefonte, R. D. 3. He was inducted April 23, 1942, and underwent 12 weeks army training at Camp Wheeler, Ga. In November of the same year he was sent to Fort DeMoline, Iowa, and after a period of training there was transferred to Daytona Beach, Florida, his present post of duty.

Goes to Westover. Pfc. Darel A. Boob, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Boob of Bellefonte, who was sent to Mitchell Field, L. I., a short time ago, recently was transferred to the Army Air Base at Westover Field, Mass.

In Replacement Unit



Private Cox, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cox, of Long Island, N. Y., until April, 1942, residents of Milesburg, enlisted in the Army prior to his graduation from the Bellefonte High School last spring and was called into service in May when he became 18 years of age. From New Cumberland he was sent to Camp Fannin, Texas, where he is with a replacement unit which receives such varied training that members are eligible to fill vacancies in engineer, artillery, infantry and other units at a moment's notice.

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Wanted! Men and Women Who Are Hard of Hearing

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Suffers Leg Fracture While in Australia

Mr. and Mrs. Leamer R. Woodring, of Milesburg, last weekend received word that their son, Corporal Technician Robert E. Woodring, is in an evacuation hospital in Australia receiving treatment for a fractured leg. Cpl. Woodring, who is with the amphibious engineers, and who has been in Australia for the past six months, reports that he is recovering steadily and hopes soon to be able to leave the hospital. No information was given as to how he suffered the injury, but it is believed the accident happened while he was participating in maneuvers.

Is First Lieutenant

Mr. and Mrs. John Poppon, of East Bishop street, Bellefonte, received word that their son, Ray Poppon, a fighter pilot somewhere in the South Pacific, was raised from the rank of second to first lieutenant. He enlisted in the Army Air Force and was called in February, 1942. He was sent to Hawaii in February, 1943, and has been in the South Pacific since April. Lt. Poppon has named his pursuit plane "The Zoot Shooter." His parents learned in a letter received this week.

Gets Swimming Award

Pfc. Robert B. Shaffer, son of Mrs. Stella Martin of North Spring street, Bellefonte, was given a senior award after completing the third course of "functional swimming under combat conditions" in England. He is a member of Bellefonte's Battery B. Pvt. Shaffer qualified as a senior life saver.

Arrives in England

Bellefonte friends received word this week that Lt. Leroy "Junior" Elder, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Elder, Sr., formerly of Bellefonte, has arrived safely in England.

4 OF BOMBER'S CREW WOUNDED, GUNNER'S COURAGE SAVES ALL

This is the story how a bomber came back, wounded and dripping with the blood of its men, and the story of a quiet hero who tells you. It happened somewhere in New Guinea.

"There was a lot of man in that B-25."

It began in the air near Wewak, where American planes swarmed Japanese aircraft in a two-day assault. That it did not end tragically is a tribute to the five crew members, who wouldn't give up.

Japanese Zeros hit the B-25 as it started a bombing run over the Dagua airstrip, forcing it out of formation. Enemy planes prevented the ship from joining another unit, and for the next 45 minutes attacked the bomber mercilessly.

In the crippled Mitchell, only Staff Sergeant Joseph Carroll, College Point, Long Island, N. Y., escaped injury. And until the ship bumped and scraped to a belly-landing some time later, he proved himself a hero. So did the others.

Four of Crew Injured

The pilot had been hit by shrapnel three times in the arm. The co-pilot had a head wound. The navigator was hit in the face and arms, and the tail gunner also was injured in the arm. They must remain anonymous until after the Army lets their next of kin know they were hurt.

As the B-25 shook off the Zeros, the pilot called the 21-year-old Carroll, who was both radioman and waist gunner. Going forward, Carroll found the navigator nearly unconscious on the floor and the co-pilot slumped over the wheel.

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PHILIPSBURG AREA SOLDIER IN JAP MILITARY PRISON CAMP

Pvt. Stephen Voyzey, 26-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Voyzey, of Chester Hill, Philipsburg area, is a prisoner interned in a Japanese military prison camp in the Philippines. It was learned last week by his parents who had not received word from their son since a year ago last February.

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