

### Pfc. Hodle in Vietnam for Christmas

Marine Private First Class Frank Hodle, of Route 3, Dallas, Pa., is celebrating Christmas in Vietnam this year as a member of the First Marine Division. Since 1966, First Division Marines have been serving in Vietnam during the Christmas holidays. Their mission then was the same as it is now: train the South Vietnamese armed forces, conduct operations against the communist guerrilla infrastructure and help the people of South Vietnam build a strong, democratic nation.

While Americans are giving thanks for the blessings of the ebbing year, more than 25,000 men of the First Marine Division will be standing guard, conducting patrols and engaging the enemy, bringing the people of South Vietnam one step closer to realizing the true meaning of Christ's birth: "Peace on earth, good will toward men."

## MOUNT ZION Dallas Senior Honor Roll

It made me laugh at myself the other morning. The bright suit was in full bloom at my back as I walked with Tuffy up the road. I looked down at our shadows.

Tuffy with his body horizontal to the road nevertheless cast a 6 foot long shadow ahead on the highway. Me? I'm about 5'11" but there was my 20 foot shadow swinging along toward the west!

Mathematical question: With a 20 foot base, and a (near) 6 foot side, how long was the hypotenuse from the top of my real head to the top of my shadow's head?

Guess I studied that once in geometry!

We just got a Christmas card and letter from one of Ruth's nephews who lives up in Castle Creek, N.Y. in recent years his eyesight was practically gone except the general ability to tell light from darkness. There had seemed to be no hope of much improvement.

But a Christmas card and letter written by himself tells of an eye operation in Boston which has resulted in much restoration of his sight. I could hardly believe he had written this note himself!

He is to get some lenses fitted soon and the outlook is bright for him in 1969. This man played his violin at our wedding in 1917 when he was a very young lad.

When I was pastor at Maine, N.Y. I performed his marriage ceremony at that church. His wife Laura has had to be eyes for him for a number of years.

If time keeps on flying so very fast I will be a hundred before I know it! It hardly seems like a year since Ruth died, and since Dottie got back to Congo.

In Dottie's Christmas letter she writes: "The Bishop has given me the imposing title of Administrative Advisor for all the medical services of the Conference.

I have done a lot of traveling in the Land Rover, but now we are out of diesel fuel. That's Congo, God bless it! And God bless us every one!"

A Christmas letter from one of my friends in Maine, N.Y., by name of Beulah Rossi tells me that her mother's aunt, Mrs. Fannie Sutton, is at Valley Crest and that probably I know her. I do know her, a very nice person she is, too.

She is also a relative of one of our Mt. Zion ladies, Mrs. Edith Perry.

Now whether Edith Perry and Beulah Rossi are related in any way I have yet to discover. Small world.

At dinner Cathy and I were listening to the man announce the next number to be sung by the Mormon Tabernacle choir which was coming over CBS. I was started to hear the man announce Phillip S. Watters as the author of the words about to be sung. But Catherine said she understood that was the name too. My cousin Phil! The one who said a prayer at Ruth's grave in Mt. Zion a year ago! I know he writes hymns and other poetry, but this was an honor indeed to have something by him sung by that famous Tabernacle choir. I was glad I happened to be listening!

Last Sunday a prayer of Thanksgiving was offered by our minister for the safe arrival back home of Wayne Rickert finishing his tour of duty in Vietnam. He is the husband of the former Phyllis Seiple of Mt. Zion. They were married in June of 1966.

We attended the play, "In My Father's House" last Saturday at the Mt. Zion church presented by the Mt. Zion MYF. I was frankly amazed and more than pleased by the high quality of that production. The young people spoke with enough volume and clarity so that I heard every word! That was number one in their favor for frequently I fail to catch the syllables of amateurs on the platform. Not only that, but their acting was so high grade that I found myself thinking that these young people were meaning what they were saying, not just acting. I found myself thinking that Jerry McDonald

#### TWELFTH GRADE:

Vera Balshaw, Alicia Bauman, Timothy Bauman, Brian Beard, Gary Belles, Joanne Bomberger, David Burkhardt, Cheryl Casner, D'Anne Cooper, Carol Crawford, Jane Daley, Christine Demmy, John Domnick, Sally Elkston, Sharon Eovitch, Jeffrey Eyet, Herbert Fehlinger, Gladys Frants, Cheryl Futch, Clifford Garris, and Sally Harter.

Also, Connie Haver, Diane Hoover, Lois Hoyt, Diane Hozempa, Ann Mary Hughes, Patricia Hughey, Patricia Inman, Susan Johnston, Suzanne Joswiak, Charlotte Kaleta, Susanne Kozich, Nancy Love, Kenneth Marquis, Christopher Meyer, Richard Morgan and John Oliver.

Also, Scott Peterman, Kathryn Munnell, Patricia Nagle, Joan Nelson, Barbara Parsons, Sara Peters, Priscilla Reese, Paula Richards, Vincent Roman, Louis Ruckno, Robert Samanas, Pamela Sabol, Sharyn Schutz, Donna Shupp, Tina Siglin, Susan Sipple, Catherine Swingle, Debra Tanner, Daniel Thomas, Marcia Wazer.

Also, Carol Kaleta, Kathy Karusa, Donald King, Marilyn Kirkpatrick, Patricia Koeb, Raymond Kuderka, David Kulick, Edmund LaBatch, Glenda Larson, Sandra Long, Diane Morgan, Gail Morris, Herman Otto, Harry Owens, Emile Peters, John Porter, Judith Prebala and Barbara Rice.

Also, Brenda Richards, James Roman, Elizabeth Ruckno, Phillip Scott, Bernadine Sherman, Mary Anne Sickler, Cynthia Smith, Harry Swepston, John Thier, Sterling Wagner, Joanne Williams, Catherine Wilson, Candice Wismer.

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#### ELEVENTH GRADE:

Sheryl Beard, Charlene Bird, Judith Blase, Curtis Britt, Sally Cyphers, Susan Dexter, Betty Emil, John Fedock, John Fleming, Rene Fox, Ernest Gelb, Kathryn Gydosch, Carol Hicks, Deborah Hoyt, David Jones, Gwen Kloeber, June Knorr, Marion Kozak, Charles La Berge, Ruth Lewis, Bruce Long, Laura Menzel, Penny Metz and James Miller.

Also, Michael Moore, Ann Marie Perkoski, James Pichert, Susan Polschek, Diane Reese, Jacalyn Roberts, Peri

Besides Mrs. Hronich the director, Mrs. Gerald Schaffer who announced the program, and Roy W. Thomas who did electric lighting effects, Mrs. David Burgess who played the organ, there were the following young people: Jerry McDonald, Mary Lowe, Dawn Shaffer, Ernie Hoover, Linda Shaffer, Terry Dymond, Bev Lowe, David Emanuel, Karen Earl, Mike Hronich, Gary Dymond, Hal Seiple, Ann Dwyer, Diane Earl, Donald Gross, Billy Shaffer, Rodney Shaffer, Karen, Ronnie, Jimmie, Gwen Thomas, Timmy and Stevie Lloyd, Dale Burgess, Barbara and Debra Dymond, Georgette Swan, Linda Lewis, Brenda Dymond.

### Peter Blessing makes first solo flight

Navy Aviation Officer Candidate Peter E. Blessing, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry P. Blessing of 8 Ellis Ave., Shavertown, Pa., has made his first solo flight.

The flight was made in a T-34 "Mentor" trainer after five months of intensive academic, military, and physical training, including one month of Primary Flight Training with Training Squadron One at Sausley Field, Naval Auxiliary Air Station, Pensacola, Fla.

The "Mentor" is the military version of the civilian Beechcraft "Bonanza."

He will continue on to more advanced phases of his flight training for approximately 13 more months, before receiving his pilot's "Wings of Gold."



PETER BLESSING

## AMBULANCE LOG

- Center Moreland  
Dec. 13—Matthew Ambrose Jr. to General Hospital, accident. Crew, Statnick and Besteder.
- Dallas Community  
Dec. 10—Matthew Ambrose, accident, to General Hospital. Wes Cave Jr., Ted Wright, crew.  
Dec. 10—William Falls, Hazeltine Street, to Nesbitt Hospital. Bob Cartier, Dick Disque Jr., Ted Wright.  
Dec. 14—Called to Newell Schooley Farm where fire truck answered false alarm.  
Dec. 14—Mrs. G. Mason, Kunkle, to General Hospital. Bob Besecker, Gil Morris, Willard Newberry Jr.  
Dec. 16—Mrs. Charles Snyder, Claude Street to Nesbitt Hospital. Jack Berti, Ted Wright.  
Dec. 17—Orew called to Commonwealth Telephone Co. to aid ill employee, Mary Lou Hoover. Bob Besecker, Jim Davies.

Noxon  
Dec. 13—Lillian Brown to General Hospital. Fred Boston, Howard Keller.

Harveys Lake  
Dec. 15—Mrs. Mary Materwicz, to Morgus Convalescent Home from General Hospital. Arthur Wagner, John Stenger.  
Dec. 14—Mrs. Lydia Tilgman, Baird Street to General Hospital. Art Wagner, Pat Stenger.

Kingston Township  
Dec. 10—Mrs. Kay Myorick, Birch Grove from General Hospital to home. Tom Evans, Richard Steinruck, Frank Hirleman.  
Dec. 10—Keith Murray, accident at Chase, to Nesbitt Hospital. Bill Pugh, Marvin Dymond.  
Dec. 13—Mrs. Gardner, Spring Street to Nesbitt Hospital. Paul Daily, Andrew Roan.  
Dec. 13—Mrs. Bertha Kromelbien from General Hospital to Maple Hill Nursing Home. T. Evans, R. Steinruck.  
Dec. 14—Accident victims from Shavertown Shopping Center to Nesbitt Hospital. Walter Davis, W. Pugh.  
Dec. 15—Mrs. Berlaza, Chestnut Street to Nesbitt Hospital. Marvin Dymond, F. Hirleman.  
Dec. 15—William Gregory, Orchard Street to Nesbitt Hospital. Jack Stephenson, M. Dymond.

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