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## OUR PASTOR'S EDITORIAL LETTER

Dear Servicemen,

We are all eagerly awaiting for V-Day. Iowa's Governor, B.B. Hickenlooper has issued a fitting proclamation for the day. He states that when Victory Day comes in Europe we are to emphasize "our feeling of thanksgiving and solemn gratitude to Almighty God that this one phase of the war shall have ended victoriously. We should renew our pledge to ourselves and our fighting men and women that we shall maintain the full vigor of our support to the end that all other phases of the war may be ended speedily and all of our young men and young women in the armed forces be returned to their homes at the earliest moment."

In hearty agreement with this statement we are seeking to put forth every effort to spiritually strengthen the home front. A feeling of deep humility overtakes us as we are mindful of the tremendous sacrifices that you Servicemen are making. We want you to know that we are truly appreciating your services and we shall do all we can to be worthy of those sacrifices. We pledge ourselves to support everyone of you in daily Prayer.

As your pastor back home, allow me to lead you into a meditation of the thought that our most precious possession of our natural lives is the possession of a soul that has Eternal possibilities. The soul of man which characterizes him above the beast of the field is of priceless worth. Holy Scripture bears testimony to that fact, "For what shall it profit a man if he shall gain the whole world and lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?" There is nothing in this world that we would exchange for our soul.

Today there are many who have to give their bodies in sacrifice to the cause of liberty. It is comforting to know that our souls are peculiarly our own. No enemy on earth can steal, kill, or destroy the soul that has put its trust in the Lord Jesus Christ. You Servicemen have been trained in the Christian Faith and know this truth. We rejoice that most of you have confessed it openly in the Church. To know that one is Saved is the greatest reason for inner joy and peace.

It is my sincere wish and prayer that we may all grow in the assurance of our Salvation so that when we meet each other again we may speak to one another about the Goodness of God. In the meantime, let the Word of God dwell in you richly. Trust your Savior and stand by Him. He will stand by you. Pray for the Holy Spirit and He will dwell in you to strengthen you and to give inner peace.

I close with the final sentence of Psalm 42, which has been a source of strength in times of stress and strain--"Hope thou in God: for I shall yet praise Him, who is the health of my countenance, and my God."

Your friend\* and pastor,

R. J. Ongna

## SAY SO

By Geraldine Searfoss

Does a neighbor help a little,  
As along the way you go--  
Help to make your burden lighter?  
Then Why not tell him so!

Does a hand clasp seem to lift you  
From the depth of grief and woe,  
When an old friend shares your sorrow,  
Then why not tell him so!

Does your heavenly Father give you  
Many blessings here below?  
Then on bended knee before Him  
Frankly, gladly, tell him so!

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### SERVICEMENS' NEWS

S/Sgt. James E. Mulder sent a card to his parents stating that he was in good health. One of their crew is acting as chaplain.

Sgt. Robert Malisch who has been in a Hospital in Battle Creek, Michigan for some time was back in Orange City on furlough. Sgt. and Mrs. Malisch were appreciated by the home folks.

T/5 Robert Vis is an instructor in the Shick General Hospital in Clinton, Iowa.

S/Sgt. Willard Lubbers writes that his Christmas mail need not be sent to him. He hopes to leave The Aleutians.

Pfc. Roy J. Lubbers has been transferred to another island and is waiting for his assignment.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Beyer had a call from Cpl. Kenneth Beyer. He said he was feeling fine and expects to be home in about two months.

Sgt. Laurence E. Van Wyk is again training after having been laid up for some time with a pulled muscle in his back.

Lt. Ralph J. Mow is still in combat in Europe. At the time of his last letter that was written, he was some place in Belgium.

Ens. Gerald Kraai is finishing his Naval indoctrination on Sept. 26. He will then await further orders.

Lt. J. Elwin Muilenburg has been in the thick of the fight for France for about a month and according to one of his letters his outfit is doing its bit in the fight against the Jerries. Elwin has not received any letters from home, because of mailing difficulties, but his parents receive letters regularly.

Ens. Lloyd Van Peursem is on a warship somewhere in the mid-Pacific. In one of his letters he said he would like to send home one of the Church bulletins he received in a service. (Whether the service was held on a ship or on some island was not disclosed.)

Lt. Nelson Kraai is at Mare Island, California and is doing some undisclosed inspection work at the Navy Yard.

Lt. Lester Foreman has been transferred to Liberal, Kansas and is going to take training in a B-29 bomber. Mrs. Foreman and the baby will come to Orange City until Lester is able to get quarters.

Sgt. Mike Westra, when last heard from, was transferred from Sicily to Italy.

CPO/3 Frank W. Heemstra was in the midst of the Hurricane which struck the Eastern seaboard. He was one of ten men who volunteered to do rescue work during the storm.

Since coming to Farragut, Idaho Calvin Groen A/S has experienced a number of forest fires. The last fire came near to the southwest gate of their camp burning a large pile of lumber. Special fire watchers were placed on top of every barrack until the fire was put under control. Cal has also been appointed squad Leader.

Mrs. Merlyn Kraai is visiting her husband at the U. S. Naval Hospital. She also had a very nice visit with Kenneth Beyer while there.

Pfc. Ray Wierda, who has been transferred to an Ordinance Company is now working in a Dispatcher's Office.

Pvt. Gerard Mulder is piloting officers in the San Francisco Harbor.

Alfred Aalberts S 2/c boarded the ship U. S. S. Cecil on the 15th of September and will be out on maneuvers along the west coast for some time before entering combat activities in the Pacific.

Pvt. John G. Heemstra, who is in the medical corps has finished his basic training.

A/S Phil Mouw is training on the line.

F 1/c George Tolman is taking a short course in electricity. He is stationed in California.

Cpl. Ivan Mullenburg is moving away from North Carolina with destination unknown at present. He writes that the recent hurricane just missed Camp Davis.

Cpl. Harvey De Kock is an instructor in radar.

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"In these days of tribulation,  
Wickedness pervades the air,  
And the battles we engage in  
Must be won through fervent prayer.

There's no weapon half so mighty  
As the intercessors bear;  
Not a broader field of service  
Than the ministry of prayer."

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During the past several families have been added to the Church roll. We would like you, the Servicemen, to become acquainted with these families. We have asked Mr. George Mieras to write an article introducing him to you. Mr. and Mrs. George Mieras come to us from Maurice where he was farming. He has entitled his article "Somebody Cares".

In the fall of the year, in fact any time of the year, we can learn great lessons from nature. More and more we feel the importance of living lives of good examples to others. I think we can take a great lesson from the tumbling weed, which rolls from place to place scattering seeds even though it is unaware of it. So also in our lives we are sowing seeds, some good, some bad. Let us all endeavor to live lives of good example asking God for Help and guidance, for we know He is willing to help us whenever we need him. Also in these times of war and strife we know He cares.

"Somebody knows when your heart aches, and everything seems to go wrong. Somebody knows when the shadows need chasing away with a song. Somebody knows when you're lonely, tired, discouraged and blue. Somebody wants you to know Him and know that he dealy loves you. Somebody cares when you're tempted and the world grows dizzy and dim. Somebody cares when you're weakest and furthest away from Him. Somebody grieves when you've fallen though you're not lost from His sight. Somebody waits for your coming, taking the gloom from the night. Somebody loves you when weary, somebody

loves you when strong, always is waiting to help you, watches you-- one of the throng. Needing His friendship so holy, Needing His watch-care so true. His name? We call His name Jesus. His People? Just I and Just you.

George Mieras

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#### CHURCH NEWS

Recently little James Alfred Aalberts, son of Alfred Aalberts, S 2/c, was baptized.

Northwestern Junior College and Academy are again in full swing. There have been a few changes in the faculty. The Science department is in charge of Professor Mayo from New Bedford, Mass. Rev. Henry Vande Brake has taken over the coaching of the two departments. He will also teach History in the Academy. The College enrollment is 32, of which 13 are boys. The Academy boast 33 boys and 16 girls.

Professor B. Elwood Fahl and son, Jerry, were visitors in our Christian Endeavor, Church and Sunday School. Professor Fahl gave an interesting talk on the differences of teaching in Orange City and Batesville, Arkansas.

The executive committee edited the Sept. "Flash" in the home of Mr. & Mrs. Henry Muyskens. This is the last meeting that our Vice-president Paul Muyskens was able to attend. Paul leaves for the armed services September 24. We pray for him that this experience will stand him in good stead wherever he is called upon to serve.

The CE had a large group attending the annual fall district No. 1 CE Rally. Rev. Graber from Sibley, Iowa delivered the address. He spoke on "Youth on the Offensive".

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#### STRENGTH FOR TODAY

By Lela Hudson Decker

I wait on Thee, for strength today;  
Dear Lord, Thou wilt not fail:  
Thou knowest I am but as dust,  
My human form---how frail!

But each day give just what I need,  
(Thou knowest ere I ask!)  
And each tomorrow wilt supply  
Strength for my daily task.

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