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## HOWARD BILYEU DIES

Funeral services for Brother Howard Bilyeu of Iberia, were conducted at Mount View Church, on the afternoon of February 15, by W. Carl Ketcherside. Songs were rendered by a group from Tuscumbia High School, under direction of Mr. Tennyson Wright, and full military rites were given by an honor guard of the American Legion. The burial was at Hickory Point Cemetery.

Bro. Bilyeu passed away as result of malignant tumor disclosed during an operation at a Kansas City hospital. He was hospitalized three weeks, remained at Kansas City four weeks longer, and passed away an hour after he arrived at his home in Iberia. He was the son of Bro. and Sister J. H. Bilyeu, and the first of their nine children to pass from this stage of action. Howard was just past fifty years of age.

He leaves to mourn his departure the faithful wife, formerly Dora Davenport; a son Gene, who is with the U. S. Navy in the Marshall Islands; a daughter Helen, and son Kenneth of the home. The aged parents also survive, as do four brothers, Clyde of Iberia; Leonard of Saint Louis; Lyman of Kansas City, and Freeman of Hancock; four sisters, Mrs. William Freeman Jones of Iberia, Mrs. B. A. Boyce of Kansas City; Mrs. John Edwards of Tuscumbia, and Mrs. Frank Crismon of Kansas City.

Just before the funeral services a letter was received from the son Gene, disclosing that he was in the recent activities in the taking of the Marshalls, having gone on to the beach with the third invasion group. However he escaped without injury in the fierce fighting which resulted. Gene is a member of the Lillian Avenue Church in Saint Louis, his father and other members of the family being affiliated with the Mount View Church.

## FUTURE BIBLE STUDIES

We present herewith a calendar of future Bible Studies sponsored by the ~~children~~ in Saint Louis. Clip this, keep it and plan to attend.

**SUMMER SESSION** — Starts July 10 — Closes August 18. Duration six weeks. Special simplified course of Old Testament history prepared especially for those who are unfamiliar with this field of study. It is open to all adults, but only those young people who have attained the ninth grade (Freshman year of High School) will be accepted for the study, as the church will not assume responsibility for those younger in coming to the city. Please do not ask us to change this, as there will be no exceptions. Write early if you contemplate coming as the housing problem in the city is acute.

**SPECIAL STUDY.** November 27 to December 1. Duration one week. Study and analysis of the Letter to the Hebrews. Classes in local development in the afternoons. This course specially prepared for those who can arrange a week of their vacation to devote to the study of the Bible. There will be some church activity every night, and classes all day for the week. Write for information. All postal government, defense and other employees who have vacations coming are asked to plan for part of them at above date.

**WINTER SESSION (1945)** Starts New Year's Day, January 1, 1945. Continues six weeks. Old Testament Law, History and the Major Prophecies. Open to all who can come. Classes each week day except Saturday. Classes Wednesday night. Lecture series Thursday nights. Student Participation Program Friday nights. Public speaking and development work each afternoon.

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## A CHRISTIAN MOTHER'S LETTER

Dear brother Carl: I just wanted to write you a few lines although I am not acquainted with you except through reading the Missouri Mission Messenger and the Macedonian Call. I've read them for two or three years and enjoy them so much. I liked so much your little article entitled, "A Grandmother's Faith". It made me think of myself and my home.

I am 62 years old. Paul is 21 and Leonard will be 18 in May. We live off the road in a hollow on a farm. It is lonesome but peaceful. It has always been a pleasure to go to church and worship on the Lord's Day and it is also a pleasure to see my boys get their song books and sing while I do the dishes. Then we all get our testaments and have a reading match. We will read a chapter or two then one will ask the other questions. That is our great source of enjoyment.

But now Paul has been called to Jefferson Barracks. It will leave our home so lonely, but many other mothers are having to give up their boys, and I think of what Jesus and his mother had to suffer. But it hurts me worse for him to be taken from the church. He is only a babe in Christ but he is always willing to do what he can in the worship, and he will be missed so much by the little congregation where we attend. He has stayed on the farm and taken care of his mother for seven years, and would never leave me alone at night.

So I am wondering if you and all the other good Christians will pray for me and for him. Pray that he may be sent near a church and that he will be ever faithful, regardless of what comes. I believe in praying for one another. So please pray for us.

A little old-fashioned mother.

Mrs. Louisa Thompson  
Goodland, Missouri

## RADIO SERMON BOOKLET

A new book, "RADIO TALKS" containing twelve sermons by W. Carl Ketcherside, as delivered over Station WTMV, will be off the press by the time you read this item. Orders have been rolling in for the booklet in anticipation, and those who want them, should send in immediately. The booklet will contain 50 or more pages, and will be bound in tan leatherette paper. It will have the first series of sermons sponsored by the Churches of Christ broadcast, including those on Juvenile Delinquency; Can God Bless America?; Rationed Bibles; What Is The Church of Christ? The One Body; twelve short talks in all; everyone of them just as put on the air, and everyone of them especially arranged to convince men and women of the righteousness of our position. The cost will be very small, so that all can have at least one. The price is 35c per copy, or three booklets for a dollar bill.

Young preachers and local talent will find a wealth of ideas for short exhortations. In most instances the scriptures are quoted and location of references given, so that one can get the full teaching right on the page. The lessons are so short that one will not tire reading them. The book can be carried and sermons read on the streetcar as one goes to work. All those who order are especially urged now to send for three of them at a time; not merely because we want to sell them, for the books will sell out very soon anyway, but you will want to keep a copy and have others to loan. This is the kind of book you can circulate among your friends. It will help them to understand our position. Contributions over and above cost of the book will be used to mail them free to servicemen. **NOTICE:** The supply of "To Every Man That Asketh" is exhausted. There are no more!

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### PREPARING SOLDIERS FOR BATTLE

The Christian is surrounded by many things in nature as well as the mechanical world which point out to him his duty as a member of the body of Christ. The army of our grand America has awakened me to a sense of duty to the church, greater than I ever experienced in the past. I'm better able to understand why the apostle Paul used many military terms in referring to the soldier of the cross, such terms as; "war a good warfare, breastplate of righteousness, sword of the Lord, sharper than a two-edged sword, fighting a good fight of faith, helmet of salvation", and many others.

The army of our country has many things to exemplify the work of the church. Herewith we consider a few of them.

#### "Man Power"

As we know, the spiritual and carnal armies are each composed of men and women. Each has officers and also the regular body of men; with the regulars making up the greater number. Both are very important in each case. One cannot function properly without the other. The privates, corporals and sergeants are the ones who carry on the larger portion of the work. We have work to do, we are trained for it, we are the ones who win and lose battles. Observing and being a part of the regulars at work, the question came to me, "Should not the regulars in God's army, the church, be an active and abounding body of soldiers too?" Should they not? In second Peter 1:5,8, we are informed that these things; faith, virtue, knowledge, temperance, patience, godliness, brotherly kindness and charity be in you and **ABOUND** they make you that you be neither **BARREN** or **UNFRUITFUL** in the

knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. If we consider the words "barren, abound and unfruitful" as used here is simply means that one cannot be a dull, empty, unproductive member. But it does not mean that he must be overflowing with knowledge of Christ, which will in turn lead to work and action in God's army, the church.

#### "Weapons"

I had no more than reached camp when preparation to fight the enemy began. The first instruction we received was in the use, care and operation of our weapons. Our company of 180 men was divided in groups of 15 men each. A weapon was placed in the hands of each man. One instructor was over each group and a supervisor over all. We were told how to take our guns apart, how each part worked, and the name of each part. The group instructors were boys who had previously gone through this training. Standing in the midst of all this, I thought of the training of God's recruits. If only his army would function like this.

When a group of trainees enlist in God's army, why don't the officers of that training camp—the church—gather them together and either train them or delegate the work to others who have previously been trained and are able instructors? Place the weapon, the Bible, in the hands of each trainee, break it down into its divisions and parts, and teach the relationship of each part to every other. Make them realize they have a grand and noble work in store for them. The church owes this to those worthy recruits. Don't dare deny it, elders! What would elders, fathers and mothers, think if Uncle Sam were to take their sons into the armed forces and shove them into the front lines to face the enemy without previous training? You can answer that one!

But brethren, haven't you seen this same thing happen time and again in the Lord's army? Can't you see that God's soldiers need systematic training in righteousness, not just enlistment alone? Too often the church acts as though the newly enlisted recruit of the cross will never have to face the enemy, Satan. But do not forget, church officers, that the enemy is knocking at the minds of your sons and daughters at every opportunity. They need **TRAINING** in order that they will not be an easy prey.

When I was inducted I possessed great zeal and patriotism, and

a fervent desire that I might help to protect our liberties. When reaching camp, the officers did not stand on the steps and comment on our zeal and patriotism as we marched by. They didn't say we had the stuff it takes, and we could be marched to the front tomorrow. But I have heard church officers comment on the zeal and hopes of a new recruit in the Lord's army, and that was about the extent of what they did. Give us weapons to fight with brethren, please—Show us how to use them! We have the zeal! We have the courage! We have the determination! Train us and put us to work.

Pvt. Homer Matson  
Co. A, 204th Bn.  
Camp Blanding, Fla.

(Editors Note: The above brother who is from the church at Red Cloud, Nebraska, was assistant postmaster at Lebanon, Kansas before his induction. Since writing the above he has been given an honorable medical discharge and is back in civilian clothes. Enroute back home he stopped off three weeks of the St. Louis Bible Reading. He is faithful, consecrated and devoted to the Lord).

### GOD BLESS AMERICA

(Editor's Note: When the destroyer Walke went down under the attack of the enemy in the South Pacific, it carried to a watery grave most of it's crew, among which was John Bussard, husband of Sister Thelma Bussard, of Nixa, Mo. In a recent letter she writes, "The girls and I are getting along alright, and are adjusting ourselves to getting along without Daddy. The Navy has just informed us that he went down along with the gallant crew of the good ship Walke. The greatest tribute I can pay him is to carry on bravely, to bring up these little girls as he would have liked to bring them up. John was not a weakling, and I must not be one either." Recently Thelma made an address before a High School assembly. This is it.

I am happy to appear before this group of High School students. I realize that I am standing before young America. The citizens of tomorrow, the men and women who will shape the destiny of this country and the whole world when this chaos of destruction and war is over, are before me.

I do not come to tell you there is a war going on, for you know that all too well. It is being impressed upon your minds. I come

as one who knows the sting of this war, one who knows the sacrifice of giving a husband. Now as I look into your faces, I see what our brave heroes have died for—Young America and all that America means.

Those of us at home have a part to play in this war. Everyone of us from the oldest to the least child. We are the ones who will enjoy the blessings gleaned from victory. Our men and women in the armed forces are doing the nasty jobs on the battle fronts! Who of us want to be in the jungles of New Guinea, on the march to Rome, or in a Jap prison camp? We would not choose to have our arms and legs shot off, or have our nerves shattered so that we would have to spend the remainder of a pitiful life in the hospital; yet thousands of our boys are going through that very thing. But they can still smile and see something worthwhile in life.

Now we who remain at home have our job to do, our duty to perform. We must keep America safe for democracy. We must hold on to the things our boys are fighting for; our freedom, our right to sail the seven seas, our liberty and pursuit of happiness.

I think of the song we all like to sing, "God Bless America." Truly this nation has been blessed in many ways. Just think of our resources, wealth and opportunities. Which of us would like to trade places with any other country in the world? But do we really appreciate what it means to be an American? Do you boys and girls ever think how fortunate you are that you live in America? Here you can go about your homes, school and community without fear of bombs, without sight of terrible destruction, without the gnawing of hunger, without having your nervous system torn and disrupted by the awful tragedies of this conflict.

Our song petitions God to stand beside us and guide us with light from above. Young people, how can God lead us and guide us if we will not listen to him, if we will not obey his commands? When we disregard his social, moral and religious laws, when we will not take time to worship him, what right have we to ask Him to stand by our side? The Bible says, "God heareth not sinners." It also says, "The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much." I'm saying this to you, because you will be the leaders of tomorrow, the citizens who will guide the

destiny of America and the whole world.

Let me admonish you as a friend, stand up for God and his righteousness; turn away from evil and immorality.

Be strong for there's much to endure

Be brave for there's much to dare,

Be honest and brave, for there are many who care.

America has been given much, and therefore much will be required of her. We must be ready to give to the rest of the world. We dare not be selfish and indifferent toward our fellowman. No man liveth unto himself and no nation liveth unto itself either. If we want God to continue to bless us, we must divide our blessings of food, money, and necessities of life with the war-weary countries across the seas. We must not be proud and boastful of our gains, but rather should we be meek and humble in the presence of our God.

Our country is calling for assistance in this Bond Drive (the Fourth War Loan). We are being put to a test. Just how much does your country mean to you? Remember, we the people make up this country and our government cannot win this war and restore peace unto us unless we give our dollars. Can we afford to turn a deaf ear, be selfish and unconcerned at the call of our government? Remember, our heroes are saying, "We gave our lives—will you give your dollars?"

**LET'S PRESS ONWARD**

In 2 Chron. 13:12, the host of Israel had a captain to lead them "And, behold, God himself is with us for our captain, and his priests with sounding trumpets to cry alarm against you. O children of Israel, fight ye not against the Lord God of your fathers; for ye shall not prosper.

The picture of that moment can be drawn in this way. The children of Israel had drifted from God to worship images, with the exception of Judah. The former group had King Jereboam as leader; the latter, Abijah. They massed armies against each other, but God was captain only of those who were loyal to him so in a "pep talk" to his people, Abijah reminds them that they are on the Lord's side and he will lead them. The army of Jereboam was routed, while Judah and the Lord triumphed.

God was their captain—he won their battles for them. Who can our captain be under the new

law? Christ, of course. In Hebrews 2:10 we learn he is the captain of our salvation, Christ is NOW our leader.

In the armies of the world we have great men who direct the battles. They have mighty responsibilities. Hundreds of thousands of men are under their command. The commands given must be reliable. Whether the one in authority is a general or a sergeant, whether his rank be high or low, the men look to him to pull them through in a crisis. In our spiritual life let's look to Christ as our captain. He is our leader. His commands will bring us through safely in the war against Satan. We must place implicit trust in his orders.

Christ is head of the church on earth. His law is given for the guidance of its members. As a church we constitute the army of the Lord. Since he is captain, let's compare the elders as next in rank or lieutenants. The evangelists are the sergeants, who relay to us the captain's orders. Those who are active in public work are the corporals, and the congregation as a whole, the privates. We have our army complete now, and those who are added, must enter as privates. So shall the church press on. It is compact, complete and on it we can rely, because our captain is Christ, the Son of God.

Paul gives us good advice when he says, "Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended; but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. Let us therefore, as many as be thus minded be perfect, and if in anything ye be otherwise minded, God shall reveal even this unto you" (Phil. 3:13-15). Perhaps you are only a private in the Lord's army. Forget those things behind you, press on in the battle of sin. We can and will win, with Christ as leader. There is a song I think of in this connection, here it is:

"I have just enlisted in the service of the King.

'Tis the royal service and with gladness now I sing,

As I march against old Satan's horde;

Jesus is my captain and he leads me all the while,

I am not a hero, but I'm in the rank and file;

I'm a private in the army of the Lord,

I am not distinguished, not a service stripe have I,

But I am determined to be faithful till I die;

Then I shall receive his great reward;

I am just a servant but some tribute will I bring,

While the battle's raging I'm on duty for my king;

I'm a private in the army of the Lord,

Pvt. Harmon A. Thompson  
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Sedalia Army Air Field,  
Warrensburg, Missouri

**RADIO AT KANSAS CITY**

Churches in the Kansas City area have been trying for several weeks to secure time on a large station in their area. Thus far, the effort to present the gospel over WHB, an affiliate of the Mutual network, has been unavailing. This station has promised to keep them on the waiting list and they are hoping for a definite contract in the near future. Letters have been sent to all churches within an area of several hundred miles asking for contributions to assist in this project and approximately \$1200 has been accumulated for a radio fund, awaiting the opportunity to preach by means of the WHB transmitter. The station arrangements are being efficiently supervised by Glenn Ellis, with Brother Ellis having control of the musical part of the presentation. The singers are well-trained and ready to do their part.

In the meantime, the Kansas City churches are going on KOKN on a non-contract basis the first program of thirty minutes to be given on Saturday night, February 26. This station has only local reach, so the Kansas City churches will support the program without recourse to the radio fund above mentioned. Brother Robert Brumback will be in charge of the gospel preaching, and has prepared interesting and edifying discourses for the initial step into this field. Literature will be mailed out to all of those who write in and they will be kept in touch with the addresses of the faithful churches in that area.

In case time cannot be arranged over WHB, application has been filed for appropriate time over WREN at Lawrence, Kansas and KFEQ at Saint Joseph, Missouri. Both of these have a long range transmitter and are popular stations in their area. We sincerely hope that the brethren will find their radio efforts crowned with success. We

will have a report in full at a later date from Brother Brumback.

**"IT CAN BE DONE"**

Charles, son of Bro. and Sister Roy Loney, of Canon City, Colorado has started a series of lectures on the Bible and its history for his buddies in the army. He has been in the service eleven months during which he has been stationed at Camp Haan. He held his first lectures in the mess hall, the night of January 5, 1944. He began by giving a history of the Bible and the three ages of religion. His comment was that he had 3 attentive listeners and now commands the respect of all in his battalion.

Charles said when he first entered the army that he intended to try to do this kind of thing. And this little article is to show you men in the armed services that it can be done. Not only can it be done, but "it must be done." Boys, wherever you are in this great universe, in the armed forces or out, it is your unending duty to teach those around you whether they be soldiers, sailors, marines or fellow-workers in other fields. I know it may sometimes seem a hard thing to do, but the Christian life is made up of trials.

You boys in the service are fighting a "double front" battle, as has been pointed out to you before by those more capable of teaching the lesson than I. Even though you do not meet with success everytime, or anytime, you will be held responsible for the souls about you, to extent of your ability.

You boys working in defense plants, and those of you who are going to school; it is just as much your duty to "hold forth the light of truth" to those around you as for the boys in the armed services to do so. Only SPIRITUAL triumph and victory over sin will mean a TEMPORAL triumphant victory over our enemies. VERA PAISLEY

- One Book, and only one,
- The Book my Father gave;
- One Book, and only one.
- The Book with power to save,
- One Book and only one,
- That points the pilgrim way;
- One book and only one.
- To keep me lest I stray.

O Lord, our God, Thy mighty hand  
Hath made our country free;  
From all her broad and happy land  
May worship rise to Thee!

## ONE SOLDIER TO ANOTHER

Somewhere in England  
Dear Clarence:

I received a letter this evening saying you were over here. I wonder if we could get together soon. I get a 48 hour pass every other week end. How about your passes? Jack and I will try to meet on November 28, in Leeds, London or Cambridge. I met him in Birmingham in August and haven't met him since.

I went up to Edinburgh, Scotland on part of a furlough, and after a day there came down to Leeds, where I stayed with some members of the church for duration of my furlough. I'd like to take you there to church some weekend. You would like the people, and what is more they need you to speak to them. They are weak concerning the use of instrumental music. I had thought about trying to speak on it, although I've never spoken on the subject before, but now that you are over here, I believe you could do more. They use a piano for what they call "Sunday School" in the afternoon at 2 o'clock; then for the regular services at 3 p. m. and 7 p. m., which correspond to your morning and evening services in the states the piano is not used. However, this non-use seems to be only in deference to the wishes of one member, a Brother Hardy, who does not believe in it at all.

Clarence, please think this over, and let me know when you can meet me; if possible at Leeds, if not, you name the place.

Your friend,

WALTER HENRY

(Editor's Note: Walter Henry is a member of the Manchester Avenue Church in Saint Louis, and the Clarence is Clarence Grover of the Hartford, Illinois congregation, also in the Saint Louis metropolitan area. It does us good to know that our boys are taking an interest in leading churches to the light all over the world.)

## PREPARING TO LEAVE

I got to go to church last Lord's Day. The brethren are reading your debate with Porter on the colleges. One reads it and passes it on to another. Last Friday we went through infiltration course, with helmets, Enfield rifles and combat pack. Crawled 100 yards in mud through barbed wire, under machine gun fire and

with mine explosions around us. Not much fun! Monday, we went to the range and fired carbine rifles. They are "swell." It appears our training is completed. They read "overseas articles" of war and told us to send personal belongings home. We know not what, where nor how—but we do know in part. May peace come soon. (Names omitted).

## IN IRELAND

(Editor: A short time ago, Verlin Roberts of the Manchester Avenue Church, Saint Louis, wrote for the address of the churches in Ireland. There are just two congregations, both in Belfast. We sent him the information, and when he worshipped with them he suggested that they post their address in Red Cross headquarters. This they did, and the first fellow to locate it was Clarence Grover, also from the Saint Louis area. Listen, as he tells the story from this point on, in a letter to his wife):

"At last, long last, I have found a faithful church. George and I found it Saturday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock. They had just put up their sign in the Red Cross Club a few days ago and I guess we were the first fellows to come after the sign had been put up. As I was writing down the address a Master Sergeant came and started taking it down also. I asked him if he intended to look up the church, and finding he did, I requested him to go along with us.

We three set out and found it easily. As we stood in front of the church, a lady and her little girl came by and asked us if we were members of the church. From that moment, we were given such a display of hospitality as one seldom sees. This lady was Mrs. George Hendren. We went to her home for tea, met her husband and brother-in-law who are both members and workers in the church. The Sergeant, Jim Hicks, had to leave at 4 o'clock. We stayed until 5:00 p. m., then went to the Red Cross Club, got a shave, washed up a bit and came back for a Saturday evening gathering of the church. They meet every Saturday night. There I met the church, was questioned, and questioned in return. I soon decided they were faithful and about the same time they decided the same about me.

After church I went home with another member for a light lunch and tea (they call it chips

and tea). We stayed until 11:30 and they came with us to the Red Cross Club. Seems kind of foolish for them to leave their home at almost midnight to take a couple of Yanks through the streets, but they acted as if it were the most natural thing in the world.

We went back Sunday morning, then had dinner and supper with Brother Hendren again. Another Hendren came to spend the evening with us. He is an evangelist—to extent of ability under the present circumstances. Really an interesting person. The church is very poor and small. Has an odd and funny way of doing things, but they are teaching right. As for the part I shall play with them, it remains to be seen."

LATER: "My talks you sent with my Bible case may come in handy. I will probably make a talk or two for the church in Belfast. Will take my old talks and dress them up a little. They may prove interesting to the brethren, who have asked me if I would take public part in the work of the church. I am willing to do what I can, but it will not be so easy while I'm in the Army—for it is hard to get away; hard to do much thinking too. But if they wish, I will do my bit under these circumstances.

(Further note: Clarence is now on detached service, doing ambulance duty for a bunch of paratroopers who have been in Sicily and North Africa. Am glad that he has met the Hendren families about whom I have heard for several years, and been able to worship with the church at Belfast, with which I have maintained indirect contact for almost eight years).

## ST. LOUIS SOLDIER SERVES CHRIST

Dear brethren: I have been somewhat neglectful in writing, but know you'll forgive me, because my time is very limited. I am now at Fort Hays, Kansas State College. I am attending a small congregation which has a membership of about fifteen good, faithful brothers and sisters. I am leading singing and really enjoy helping, but did not know how much there was to leading singing until I tried it. We have very interesting Bible Studies, but I hope the time is short until I can meet you again. May God's blessings rest upon all of you.

BOB CHILTON,

United States Army Air Forces

## TWO SOLDIERS IN ONE

It is in obedience to God and country that many of us are in the armed services of the United States. We are serving in two armies, wearing two uniforms. In the Lord's army we are clothed with the armor of God (Eph. 6:11); in the U. S. Army we are garbed in a khaki uniform. We are in both armies, wearing both uniforms, and endeavoring to comply with the laws of both forces.

Some have exchanged the Christian's uniform for that of the U. S. They feel it is a burden to wear both. We must retain HIS uniform continuing a fight "against the wiles of the devil" as we fight the enemies of our country. It is dangerous to desert the fight of faith. The penalty is death. "We must endure hardness as a good soldier of Christ" (2 Tim. 2:3). Nothing would be accomplished if the allies were to stop fighting now. The enemy would rear and become more powerful than ever. We must not let up but keep pushing against the enemy until he is defeated. The fight of faith must continue—we must fight until the end. "He that shall endure unto the end shall be saved" (Matt. 24:13).

Paul who was persistent in the Lord's work, fought vigorously without relenting. We too must hattle until we can say with him, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept my faith" (2 Tim. 4:7). Let us remember that our God is with us, in camp or in a foxhole out on the battle front—he will sustain and help us. He will not forsake us. May we always remain faithful unto him.—Pvt. Milton E. Woodruff, Co. A, Sec. 3-E, ASTP Unit, University of Delaware, Newark, Delaware.

## SOLDIER VISITS READING

It was certainly an inspiration to see your good class at the Saint Louis Bible Reading. I regret that I could not spend more time with the group in study, but I want you to know that it is very encouraging and uplifting to see such a class of men with the zeal and ability which was displayed. Congratulations on the great work! Keep it going! I expect to visit the church at Topeka in near future. May the Lord bless His grand work as it is being carried out by you good brethren.

PFC. JERRY MINTON,  
79th Q. M. Co.; APO 79,  
Camp Phillips, Kansas