

Silver Lake, Minnesota
November, 1943

Dear Friend in the Service,

Here's another newsletter from the home town and your home church. Thank you for the appreciative letters.

NEWS ON MAIN STREET

Well, on the West End the creamery has an up to date automatic steam and hot water can washer. Washed milk cans slide on an automatic conveyor to the outside where the trucker picks them up. Butter is 49¢ a pound, only 20% cream can be sold and that is 35¢ a quart, cheese is seldom obtainable but costs 40¢ a pound.

On the East End, however, our only dry goods store is going out of business. A. J. Domogalski and wife have decided to retire and move to California where daughter Rita, her husband and daughter reside. Their son, Ernest, is in the army Air Corps ground force somewhere overseas.

Did you remember that it is about 2 years since the Red and White store closed because manager George Totushek went to war? So Silver Lake is without a dry goods store unless some enterprising merchant comes in to rewrite the war.

On Abraham Street the Farmer's Produce has remodeled the interior and now employs three women to help Dewey candle the eggs. The Farmer's Produce paid out \$150,000 for eggs in 10 months- Jan. to Oct. - and sold \$250,000 worth of food. One day they handled 110 cases of eggs and 89 coops of chickens. \$1,000 was paid out for eggs on three consecutive Saturdays. Even our hens are patriotic! The market prices listed on their blackboard are : Eggs 49¢, heavy hens 17 & 19¢, springers 20 & 22¢, and cox 13 & 15¢.

Martin Matousek, post commander of our American Legion, is the father of a boy at last and one of his six daughters commemorated the event with an original poem published in the Leader.

OUR EIGHTEEN YEAR OLDS

Each boy registers at the Drug Store on his 18th birthday for the selective service. Most of the boys enlist or are drafted shortly thereafter. Last spring the following high school boys entered the armed services and here is the latest news about them:

Floyd Verlicock, Gerald Navratil, Alvin Dobis, Francis Slanga, Harry Chalupsky, and Clarence Penaz all joined the Navy and finished boot training at Farragut, Idaho.

Floyd returned to Farragut after his 15 day furlough in Silver Lake only to enter the hospital for a 3 month stay for rheumatic fever.

Gerald Navratil, Seaman 2nd Class, is still at Camp Peterson, Idaho, attending the Electrical school. Alvin Dobis, Seaman 2nd Class, is attending bound school for submarines at San Diego, California;

Francis Slanga is Fireman 2nd Class, and stationed at San Diego, Receiving Station, California.

Harry Chalupsky, Seaman 2nd Class, is stationed at Great Lakes for further training as a machinist.

Clarence Penaz, Seaman 2nd Class, was stationed at Bremerton Navy Yards but is now on the high seas. He had a thrilling "strange as it seems" experience in Hawaii. He met Everett Klima, Seaman 1st Class on the street. Their ships had been lying in the harbor side by side for two days before they met.

Navy Yard Sentry: "Halt, who goes there?"

"You wouldn't know me. I just got here yesterday."

Clifford Wawzyniak was drafted when only a junior and assigned to the Seabees Construction Battalion. He changed his last name to Warin and is librarian at Camp Rousseau, Port Hueneme, California.

IN MEMORIAM

I. Our Presbyterian Church held the first Memorial Service in the community for a casualty of World War II. Harvey Dvorak was killed on the North African battle field May 13th according to the telegram. However, letters postmarked the same day and written by Harvey to his sisters stated that the big battles were over and that he hoped for a more settled life. Memorial Services were conducted by Rev. Mrazek on Sunday June 20th. A representation from the National Guard Unit of Hutchinson to which Harvey belonged also attended the services.

II. The Bohemian Catholic Church has a gold star for Wm. Palkrabek who died of meningitis at camp. On leave during that time were our young sailors who had just finished boat training, and Seaman Floyd, Harry, Gerald, and Alvin served as a guard of honor at the Memorial Service.

III. In October, Rev. Mrazek attended the funeral services of his father, Joseph Mrazek, in Perth Arboy, New Jersey. The deceased was a veteran of the 22nd Regiment of Czechoslovak Legion and fought in Argonne and Verdun, France during World War I on the side of the allies. The church board sent a floral bouquet of sympathy in behalf of our members.

WEATHER

Once again newspapers and the radio are allowed to give weather forecasts. Our first snowflakes came on Oct. 14th the day after our church supper. The Ladies Aid had purposely held the supper one month earlier to escape snow. We served 600 people no doubt in these days of rationing folks like to eat out, especially chicken and sauerkraut served family style. In fact, a doctor from Hutchinson later sent the Ladies Aid a dollar bill because his conscience kept reminding him that he had eaten more than his share of sauerkraut and caraway.

The latter part of October it rained for two days and a night. Saturday, Nov. 6th suddenly- it snowed all day long. Everything was covered with slush so out came overshoes, snowboots, and rubbers and winter coats. It was Homecoming Day at the University of Minnesota and Purdue beat Minnesota 14 to 7 at the football game--the third successive defeat for Minnesota this year which hasn't happened in 20 years of Minnesota football. It seems that football veterans are now in the service and stationed at various other universities playing against Minnesota. Sportswriters say the schedules should have been changed after school opened so as to even up the opponents.

But to continue the weather report: the next morning, Sunday, November 7th, it was still snowing and blowing and the blizzard was on with no electricity for 2 days and 2 nights. Sunday morning only 17 people got to church and 10 for Sunday School. The average attendance for S.S. is well over 100. The Hawlish household had to depend on fireplace heat, one kerosene burner on which to cook meals, candles for lights and to top it all off- the telephone is still out of order- which caused the delay in getting out this newsletter- and the sidewalks had snowdrifts hip-deep. Of course there was no school Monday or Tuesday- in fact, nine Hutchinson schoolteachers were stranded in Silver Lake enroute from Minneapolis. Sunday night, and had to stay till Tuesday morning when the road to Glencoe was opened. There was no telephone service to Hutchinson or Glencoe for days. The schoolbuses could not move out of the garage. The snowplow came thru Tuesday night, the train on Wednesday and once more we had a radio and newspapers. Again, in a small way, we experienced the inconveniences we know you are enduring. A fine way for winter to announce his arrival! What does the future hold?

RED CROSS

Gladys Nawash has taken a leave of absence from County Welfare Work, took two weeks training in Red Cross Welfare work in Washington, D.C., and is now stationed at the Army and Navy Hospital at Camp Grant, Illinois to do welfare work for the patients. She plays the piano accompaniment occasionally in the Camp Chapel. Keep on the good work, Gladys!

DEFENSE WORK

Jocune Kasper wrote to Rev. Mrazek from St. Louis, Missouri where she is employed by the General Cable Corporation as a civilian inspector for the Army Signal Corps which reminds me of a poem I read called "Post War Panning".

'Son, this is a situation, Tell me why in thunderation,
After two years in this war, In the Army ~~Advanced Corps~~, Signal Corps,
You come home and just don't know, How to fix the radio?"

Jeanne was previously employed in Chicago where she accidentally met Pfc. Maynard Navratil at a U.S.O. party. Maynard was in one of the army units stationed at Fort Sheridan, Illinois, which was sent to a flood area last spring to work day and night building sand bag walls on the river bank of the Illinois River, which you may remember, flooded several towns and washed out bridges. Maynard spent his birthday doing the job - we suppose many of you too have strange birthday celebrations.

OUR MISSIONARY

Our own Elsie Hudec has received her appointment as missionary to India from the Independent Board for Presbyterian Missions. She is now at home waiting for war conditions to allow her to make the journey.

Elsie gave a fine illustrated talk about her call to become a missionary at the Sunday School teacher's meeting on Wednesday, gave her testimony at church services in Bohemian one Sunday and in English next Sunday. She also talked on India to us women of Mrs. Jerabek's Adult Sunday School Class and gave us a sample of the language she had to learn.

All of us are proud to have her as the first missionary from our church and pray she may have her wishes fulfilled.

OUR SERVICE FLAGS

The Community Service Flag hangs in the Auditorium of the Community Building and Mrs. Hewlish is endeavoring to list all the service men from this community so as to attach the names to the flag.

In September the lists of servicemen from the churches in Silver Lake were as follows: the Polish Catholic church had 68 stars, the Bohemian Catholic had 62, the Presbyterian 39, and the Congregational had 16 stars - making a total of 179 service men affiliated with our churches.

SCHOOL

Opening of the present school year had to be postponed for a week because school teachers were hard to get. Finally, school started with one less teacher in high school and a much needed boost in salaries was necessary.

The upper grade teacher is Justin Buska, a local boy. He will help Mr. Tatting with basketball this winter as all the other high school teachers are women. There was no football team this year - too few boys - no coach - no leisure time after school for practice. Even eleven and twelve year olds - for instance Rodney Dostal and Jackie Nuwash - have plowed their father's fields - driving a tractor.

OUR HONOR ROLL

Three new names have been added - Melvin Wraspir, Tommy Chalupsky, and Daniel Smahel.

"Don't you think my uniform is a perfect fit?"

"I think it's an absolute convulsion."

Tommy Chalupsky is in the Army Air Corps and stationed at Santa Ana, California. Did you like your G. I. haircut?

Soldier: "Your dog seems very fond of watching you cut hair."

Camp Barber: "Taint that, sometimes I snip off a bit of a customer's ear."

Sgt. Howard Chalupsky is still at the army air base at Muroc, California.

Pfc. John Getz wrote from North Africa and no doubt is elsewhere by now.

Cpl. Joe Getz sent interesting news from Iran. He worked with two Bohemians on the same kitchen shift - one was from Texas and one from Chicago. Hope he enjoys the dates - to eat, of course.

Roy Hanson is expected home for a furlough in November. His last letter still shows the Tampa, Florida post stamp. Our source of news about Roy has left for Chicago.

Edwin Hakel is stationed in the S. W. Pacific, and wrote that Mrs. F.D. Roosevelt wife of the President, visited there in behalf of the Red Cross! Edwin also visited at a home where ex-governor Harold Stassen of Minnesota was a guest. Lt. Comm. Stassen was happy to meet Edwin from his home state and they reminisced about the time Edwin went to Winsted to hear a Stassen campaign speech.

Don Hlavka's picture appeared in A Life Magazine showing a group of 4 service men of the medical unit having picked up a German wounded man onto a litter. Rev. Wrazek mentioned at church services that he received a copy of a church service which Donald attended in North Africa.

Pfc. Edwin Hlavka wrote recently that he is still in North Africa, that he was on that famous hi&t 609, at Fondouk and a lot of other places and that "it was a little rugged for a while." Edwin sent a picture of himself and he looks well and healthy. *Just received the sad news that Edwin was wounded in Italy on Oct 15th.*

Old Soldier: "Interesting country, North Africa. You see those ruins over there? They are 4000 years old.

New Soldier: "Quit kidding. This is only 1943."

Lt. Milan Jerabek, Junior Grade, received that promotion last June 7. He is the only father among our service men and upon receiving a color photograph of his daughter aged nine months he writes that "Lois is the pin-up-girl of N.O.B. Adak Island, Alaska" where Milan is stationed. Naturally, he is anxiously hoping for a furlough for Christmas to see his daughter who has tripled in size since he last saw her.

In the October, 1943 issue of Esquire appeared a letter to the editor entitled "Faraway Outposts" two foot book shelf" When Edwin Hakel's brother Art in Calif. read it, he said, "This sounds like Milan Jerabek's for no one else would take with them the Czech Holy Bible, Czech Dictionary, Russian Grammar, and the Outline of History by Wells." Art sent the clipping to his brother Milton in Brownton who said, "Sure, that must be the Russian grammar I gave Milan." So Milton took the clipping to Jerabeks at Silver Lake where Milan's wife definitely proved that he had taken those books with him and they were his contribution to the two foot book shelf. Mrs. Hawlish saw Mrs. Milton Hakel at Brownton at a Public Health Annual Meeting and learned the Milan's bunk mate (or tent mate or hut-mate- whatever it is that he sleeps in) wrote the editorial. You can see how interesting news about you flies across the land and sea. (I saw a colored movie short on the Aleutians- especially Adak Island, and hoped Milan would step into the picture but it was mostly the fliers and crew who performed. The scenery was just as Milan had described.

Cpl. Alfred Halva was sent to England last June and shortly thereafter was hospitalized for his "knee rheumatiz" which didn't bother him at all while in the U.S. Camps. Alfred is now back in the United States and hospitalized in Halloran Hospital at Staten Island, New York.

Pvt. Edwin Kovar took a boat ride in September and is now in Australia which he likes better but "now to get the Australian language and the money exchange."

"Cavalry rides in tanks- airforce rides in a plane.

Infantry takes it on the hoof, but it gets there just the same."

Everett Klima's folks had an auction sale of all household and farm goods and moved to California where their daughter lives, so his meeting with Clarence Ponaz is the only news about Everett this time.

Officer: "Did you mop the floor?"

Recruit: No.

Officer: No, what?

Recruit: No mop."

Flight Officer Arnold Konorza and wife visited in Silver Lake this summer. He returned to Clovis, New Mexico but now has an A. P. O. address so Silver Lake has a "bomber pilot" somewhere over there."

Richard Konorza looked grand in his white petty officer's uniform when in church on his leave this summer.

Cpl. Emil Konerza is now in England and has now met several he know- including Paul Janousek.

Sgt. Charlie Konerza is at South Plains Army Air Field, Texas. Are you still a cook?

Did you hear the story about the husband who asked "Mary, aren't those eggs done yet? And the wife answered, "No, Charlie, I've boiled them for an hour and they aren't soft yet." Many housewives are doing the cooking for the first time, you see, as well as many service men, eh?

George Kosek writes that he is in good health and received our letter but his whereabouts are still a deep secret.

Reuben Miller wrote an interesting letter about his life on maneuvers - and I could picture him as he said "writing this letter on my gas mask beside my tent."

Staff Sgt. Richard Micka of the Army Air Corps, was home on furlough from England and gave an informative talk on the English people at C. E. He is now stationed at Chanute Field, Illinois, where he will study effects of weather on flying, (that's civilian language, Richard). And next time the weather bureau warned motorists to be prepared with shovel, antifreeze, etc., as they did two weeks before the blizzard saying that it will come suddenly, we'll believe it.

Pvt. Earl Nuwash has not fully recovered from his injury at camp in Africa and may be discharged. His sister Eleanor passed away rather suddenly from pneumonia in August.

Cpl. Harvey Ondrachek sent his folks pictures of himself in front of his round dome home from Alaska or thereabouts. His mother showed them to us at Ladies Aid.

Harlow Penaz has received a medical discharge and he and his wife are living on the farm with his parents.

Leonard Penaz wasn't heard from for eight weeks, then he wrote his parents that he is in North Africa, then in Sicily, and that is all the information we have.

Kitchen Kop: "Hey! In this mess hall you don't have to dust off the plate."
Reekie: "Justa force of habit. I uster be an umpire."

Cpl. Theodore Picha of the Army Air Corps was home on furlough recently and is now instructing some engineering subject at Amarillo, Texas.

Lt. Milhart Sautka notified me by gov't. card about his change of address to the 560th Army Postal Unit c/o A. P. O. New York. He is now in England and opened their post office on October 1st averaging over \$5,000 a day money order business which must be changed from British currency to the American value of money. (Our servicemen must be sending money home and buying War Bonds.) 400 bags of Christmas packages came in the first day and it is expected this amount will be more than doubled daily until all the parcels come in. Milhart had the privilege of purchasing the No. 1 money order of his organization. He supervises eleven men. His wife, Harriet Zrust, is with her parents in Silver Lake.

We have no news about Raymond Sautka.

Jos. Svoboda is out on maneuvers in Louisiana.

Officer: (in charge of rifle range) "Hey, don't you know better than to point an empty rifle at me?"

Recruit: "But it isn't empty, sir. It's loaded."

Pfc. Henry Svoboda is somewhere in England. His letter stated that their trip was enjoyable - calm sea, no storms, no interference, no sea sickness. He has traveled over a good portion of the British Isles. He too mentions the small farms enclosed by hedges.

Cpl. Guy Stritesky was last heard from the battle front in Italy. The Leader carries an item about Guy and Donald Hlavka meeting unexpectedly in North Africa.

Soldier: "And that night we drove the Germans back two miles."

Blonde: "Drove them back indeed! I'd have made them walk every step."

Master Sgt. George Totushek is still stationed in Hawaii. His wife, Norma (Tait) will go to Milwaukee for 8 weeks to be trained for gov't. inspection and then will be employed in a propeller plant at the State Fair Grounds in St. Paul.

Capt. "I hope the next time I see you, You will be a second lieutenant."
Sgt.: "Yes, sir, thank you, same to you, sir."

George Travnicek is stationed in Iceland and spent his "Vacation" in Scotland."

"It was so cold in the Arctic that the candle froze and we couldn't blow it out."

"That's nothing. Where we were the words come out of our mouths in pieces of ice and we had to fry them to hear what we were talking about."

Richard Tupa was at home on furlough in October and is stationed at Camp Claiborne, Louisiana with a unit which makes chemicals.

Sergeant: "Squads right!"

Private: "Well, he finally admits it!"

Where is Henry Uherka?

Melvin Wraspir is in a medical unit stationed in Texas.

Milan Zdravil enjoys the USO entertainment and reading materials. He likes the jungle and hopes "to bring back a live monkey or even a big snake." Ugh! More to our taste is the fact that he can eat all the bananas he wishes. Here we pay 10¢ a pound if and when.

Soldier: "What's the best way to keep from swallowing fish bones?"

Draftee: "Eat bananas."

Staff Sergeant Leroy Zrust is stationed on an island somewhere in the Southwest Pacific. Your sister Mildred tells us ~~that~~ "That the weather is very warm, drinking water is scarce, and the mosquitos are bad." He cannot write what he is doing but says that he is now earning his pay instead of drawing it." How about the difference ~~money~~, fellows?

THE HOME FRONT

WAR BONDS

Silver Lake went way over the top in the Third War Loan Drive in September by buying \$40,000 worth of War Bonds.

PHONOGRAPH RECORDS

The American Legion and Auxiliary collected 200 of the old and broken phonograph records. Here's hoping some of you boy's in the distant outposts are enjoying the kits of 48 doublefaced disks of brand new records made from the discarded records collected in the U.S. and sent to the chaplains in the overseas army, navy, and marine corps bases and the U.S. Coast Guard. If the inscription on the record says "Sent to the men in the armed forces by the American Legion etc." - remember your home folks contributed to the cause.

VICTORY AIDES

The women Victory Aides assisted Emil Jerabek, local chairman, in collecting the National War Service Fund Quota of \$3.50 to 10.00 per family for the USO and 16 relief organizations including Polish and Czech Relief, U.S. Seamen and War Prisoners Aid. The Victory Aide officers are Lt. Rose Hawlish, Sgt. Ellen Bren of the West End, Sgt. Mary Svenda of the East End, and Sgt. Elizabeth Dobis of Center Main Street who organize the work. Under them are 15 private Victory Aides who do the house to house canvassing and distributing of pamphlets. Very military, don't you think so, private? We will work on the wastepaper, tin and waste fat drive next.

RATIONING

Our schoolteachers issued Ration Book 4 to each person in Silver Lake in Oct. The green numbered stamps also have a background picture of the torch such as is held high by the Statue of Liberty, the red ones have a picture of the horn of plenty (reminding us no doubt that we still have plenty to be thankful for), the blue stamps have a picture of a spike of grain. Ration Book 3 stamps have numbers and also background pictures of the airplane, the anti-aircraft gun, the tank, the submarine, or the artillery gun reminding us that rationing is one way we can help our armed forces. Remember every person gets 16 meat and 16 vegetable points in

points in stamps per week. One pound of butter costs 16 points and a bottle of catsup when you can get it costs 15 points. Small families must budget closely and large families need a large pocketbook to carry all the ration books. There are four to a person. But this farming community had good crops, and large victory gardens, a pressure cooker was loaned by the county thru a local chairman so everyone filled all the fruit jars, most of us made sauerkraut so there is more than plenty to eat.

HUNTING

Yes, gas is rationed but it is the rationing of shells which keeps the hunters at home. Nevertheless, many homes have been enjoying wild duck and pheasant dinners. Lack of shells resulted in flocks of blackbirds around Silver Lake which destroyed whole fields of corn. By the way, our Silver Lake has water again as well as muskrats. Already the reflection of the street lights was a pleasant sight as you approach Silver Lake on the Glencoe road. Maybe we'll skate this winter, eh?

COMMUNITY FAIR

No Community Fair was held this fall but an Appreciation Day by the business men with a free program afternoon and evening was held in August. The evening program was furnished by the Buffalo - Mpls. # Silver Lake USO troupe which entertains every month at Fort Snelling in the Recreation Hall with which most of you are familiar. The Silver Lake USO entertainers are Luanne Hawlish, Delores Peterson, Marlyce Warako, and Veronica Mallek.

VITAL STATISTICS

Babies were born to the following: Mr and Mrs. Frank Ondrachek, Mr. and Mrs. Winifred Howe, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbert Merrill, Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Ondrachek, Mr. and Mrs. Art Ondrachek, and Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Konerza.

Everett Spatka and Irene Konerza were married May 29th.

Grandma Hlavka, Donald's grandmother, died June 3, 1943.
Eleonore Nuwash died in August, 1943.

ED NUWASH'S PICTURE DISPLAY

Already over seventy pictures of service men and women are on display in the Furniture store window. Let's give you some news about other service men in the display. Cpl. Cyril Navratil has already spent 2 years in Australia. In Oct. he had an emergency appendicitis operation in an army truck stationed in a beautiful grove. Cyril says he got excellent care and expects to be back with his outfit in six weeks. 1st Sgt. Bernie Navratil and wife (a Washington State Girl) are stationed in Fresno, California, and are the parents of a baby girl. There's "Swede" Powlak of the navy and his PT boat and Edmund Lorence in his marine uniform. Now servicemens pictures have replaced those of the discharged men- Alfred Nuwash received a release for defense work in the army cartridge plant at New Brighton last spring. Bernie Stibal was discharged and worked in California and then transferred to Mpls., when Dr. and Mrs. Franta moved from California to Montgomery.

DO YOU KNOW :

That Roger Trutna was not accepted for the army due to defective vision and so he joined the Merchant Marine? He has finished his training at Sheepshead Bay and again his vision prevented his advance education in radio at which he is a whiz so he telephoned his mother what he is "off to sea" taking supplies to our service men.

That Ensign Virgil Halva received his wings in the navy air corps at Corpus Christie, Texas and is now in Florida for two months training? His parents moved to Mpls. where Bill Halva is employed in defense work after working in Svanda's Hardware for 17 years.

That a US Procurement Board has assigned Dr. Rathmanner who is a dentist in New Prague (husband of Florence Zizka) to open his office in Montgomery and remain there for the duration of the war or until local dentists who are in the US armed services return to take up their practices.

That Oliver Nawyzniak graduated from Naval Training School on the campus of the U. of Illinois and was promoted to the rate of firman second class?

That 1st. Sgt. Rodney Larkman of Cokato, whom many of you remember as a brother of Mrs. Henry Nuwash, and his wife have a baby girl.

That the American Legion wishes us to remind you to keep up your gov't. insurance payments? Already some servicemen discharged for disability are now unable to secure other insurance and wish someone had warned them.

That the Military Service Committee is composed of a representative from each branch of the church as follows: Chairman, Rev. Mrazek, Secretary, Mrs. Rose Hawlish

Treasurer, Ed. Dostal, Church Board, Jos. Pikor, Christian Endeavor, Marion Yukel and Sunday School, Mildred Hakel.

That letters from you will be appreciated and mean another newsletter can be sent soon.

OUR PASTORS LETTER

Again it is my valued privilege to add a few lines of faith and assurance to you, who are away from home on our nation's duty. Some of you are still in the training camps in this country, but most of you are now over-seas, and many of you have felt the smoke of the actual battle. One boy from our Honor Roll, as you have read, has paid the supreme sacrifice, by giving his life. May his memory be lasting in the sight of God!

Many letters from you have reached me during the last six months. I appreciate them more than I can say. If I could, I would like to grasp the hands of each of you, and assure you how proud our people are to hear of your loyalty and courage. I would wish to tell you about our constant prayers for your physical and spiritual protection and God's care wherever you may be. We feel one with every one of you, especially each Sunday worship at about 11:10 AM, our time. That minute has been a source of strength to many!

In our common struggle for victory of Freedom and Righteousness, we feel one with you in our common faith in the speedy and enduring peace, when by the grace of the Lord, we shall meet again around the Christmas Tree in our dear church, and will sing to the Prince of Peace. Yes, we believe the words of the prophet, that the Lord shall come and "He shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people: and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more."

May God strengthen you in that faith, is my prayer, till we meet again.

Your pastor and friend,

Rev. Jaroslav Mrazek

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

The Military Service Committee takes pleasure in sending to each of you the practical Christmas gift in behalf of your home folks and home church. May it remind you of Him whose birthday we celebrate on Christmas, and to have faith in His goodness and justice.

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