

hold the old Fort down and I'll be home before you think.

Love to all,

Your son, Alton.

#### LOVELY MEMORIAL SERVICES AT LANGLEY BAPTIST CHURCH

(Contributed)

Sunday afternoon Nov. 21, the Langley Baptist Church was filled with people who had come, some for many miles, to honor the life and memory of Houston Wendell Beard, Electrician's Mate, first class who was killed in the battle of Salerno, Italy on September the 11th 1943. The large congregation showed the high esteem in which this brave soldier was held and also the deepest sympathy for his parents, brothers and sisters.

A Guard of Honor arrived from Camp Gordon and stood at attention through the entire service. The Langley Choir rendered several selections of music which were very appropriate. Pastor McGraw used two passages of scripture as a basis for his Memorial Sermon. One was from John 11: 23: Jesus said unto her, "Thy brother shall rise again." And also from Rev. 20: 13: "And the sea gave up the dead that were in it." Rev. McGraw paid tribute to the fact that this soldier had stood at his post of duty while in such terrible danger. He also read several letters, one from the commander of the U. S. S. Savannah, one from the Sec. of the Navy Frank Knox, and one from the Chaplain on the Savannah who officiated when the body was buried at Sea off the coasts of Malta on Sept., 21st. Mrs. L. B. Royal read a beautiful poem composed by her son who is now on duty in the Pacific.

Pastor McGraw also emphasized that regardless of how deep the water is in which human beings are buried at sea that they shall be resurrected by the power of God as easily as though they were buried in the family cemetery. No kind of construction will prevent the resurrection of the dead.

Years before Houston entered the Navy he made a public profession of his faith in Jesus, and united with the Langley Baptist Church. His pastor stated: "It is upon this fact that we base our assurance that he will be resurrected with the saints." The Pastor also stated: "If the life and works of Jesus made the River of Jordan sacred then the life journeys of Paul made the waters of the Mediterranean sacred. It was upon this very Island, of O. Malta, that Paul and 275 other men were thrown when they were

is a Bay in that Island now known as St. Paul's Bay. There is nothing in these waters that has any saving grace, but we do feel that since Houston was buried in water where these men struggled for their life and where a miracle was performed in saving them, that since then Paul and Houston have talked about some of their struggles in the Mediterranean."

After the congregation had assembled on the outside of the church flowers were placed by two white crosses representing LeRoy Burtz who lost his life in the Pacific

aim of the church, after the war is over to erect a monument on its grounds and upon that to have the names of all its members who have lost their lives in the service of their country and any others whose relatives so desire. The church will hold memorial services once each year keeping fresh the memory of these heroic young soldiers. The Guard of Honor stood at attention while their commanding Sergeant sounded Taps. And so a beautiful and benefitting service was held in memory of this faithful young sailor who died at his post of duty.

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