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## **Bethlehem Kin United In Dramatic Setting**

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It was a surprise meeting for both of them! One of those surprises that happens occasionally despite the regimented planning imposed by war.

A black night! Jap planes were ripping through the heavens dropping their noisy death bombs. On the ground, confusion and excitement reigned!

Suddenly out of the turmoil a few moments of peace and joy were lifted as if by magic, as hand clasped hand and two Bethlehem brothers, reunited after years of separation saw the raid through together in Netherlands East Indies.

The boys were: Pvt. Albin Asakavich and Pfc. Vincent Asakavich, sons of Mrs. Constantine Asakavich of 1512 Columbia Street. Frequent exchange of letters has been their sole contact with each other for the past two years.

Pvt. Albin, who is 25 years old, worked for the Bethlehem Steel Company prior to entering the Army. In 1942 he joined the Army Medical Corps. His basic training was secured at Fort Andrews, his technical training at Fort Devens, Mass. In July 1943 he shipped overseas and after brief duty in Brisbane, Australia, his outfit was assigned to an important island in the Southwest Pacific.

At present Pvt. Albin is stationed in the General Army Hospital in the Netherlands East Indies. Under his sympathetic eyes and careful hands pass the casualties of the Philippines, brought to this hospital for diagnosis and treatment.

The elder brother, Pfc. Vincent, left a wife and a two-year-old son when he entered the army air corps in November, 1942. Resident of Bayonne, N. J., for the past nine years, he worked in an electrical shop in New York City prior to his induction.

Pfc. Vincent trained in Oklahoma City, Okla., before he left for overseas duty in 1943 with a depot supply outfit of the Fifth Air Force. First in Australia and New Guinea and now in Netherlands East Indies, he is helping in the great job of supplying the army with everything it needs to lick the Japs. His outfit in the East Indies is estimated to be the largest depot outside the U. S.

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