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JAMES G. SACARAKIS
... Back From Front

1941 ANTHONY SACARAKIS

... Seaman, First Class, and his twin brother in the Army

STEPHEN SACARAKIS

"We know the people on the home front are in there punching, but they're not punching hard enough" was the observation of Pfc. James G. Sacarakis who has arrived home from the African and Sicilian campaigns to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Sacarakis, 222 Diamond Street.

He was disappointed that his twin brothers, Anthony and Stephen, aged 20 are unable to be home but this was assuaged by the news that the lads had just been promoted. Anthony has been made a seaman, first class, and Stephen has received his first stripe.

Typical of men back from the front lines, Sacarakis was reticent in discussing actions in which he participated. He took part in every major African operation and was with the infantry that spearheaded the Sicilian invasion.

Biggest gripe among the men, said Sacarakis, is the news of labor trouble that seeps to the men in the fox-holes. "Strikes at home," he said bitterly, "makes the fellows eat their hearts out and I can mention any number of men who would be glad to meet up with John Lewis and you can be sure his health wouldn't be the same after they leave him."

"It isn't that the men feel that labor hasn't a complaint to make, but when men see their comrades die they wonder if labor conditions are anywhere comparable to the horrors they experience," he added.

Sacarakis was in an infantry outfit and with him were quite a few Bethlehem men. Among his pals were Johnny DelGrosso, Michael Kish, John Resnick and Leo Mazza. "There were other Bethlehem men," he said, "but we just got to know each other as Joe, or John, or Jim. And believe me, they have had some experiences."

Sacarakis is home on a twenty-day leave following hospitalization for ailments resulting from his strenuous life in Africa and Sicily. When he returns to duty he expects again to be assigned to combat troops.

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