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## "Mike" Hochella On Re-Broadcast This Evening <sup>FEB</sup> 17 1945

The voices of three local soldiers who are fighting on foreign fields will be heard this evening at 7:45 over Allentown's Station WSAN on the "Saluting Our Servicemen" program, prepared by the Army Radio Service Overseas.

Each of the three foreign based servicemen will describe what this conflict has meant to him as an individual and as a member of his fighting unit. One man is from Bethlehem, one from Allentown and one from Slatington. They are:

Lieutenant Elwood "Mike" Hochella, of Bethlehem, a pilot with the Ninth Army Air Force in France, a graduate of Liberty High School and a former employe of the Bethlehem Steel Company. He entered service in January, 1942, and was commissioned on December 5, 1943. His wife, the former Evelyn Henning, resides with her parents at 1920 Whitehall Street, Allentown. He is the son of Michael Hochella, of 410 Grandview Boulevard.

Master Sergeant Oliver C. Burkholder, of Allentown, chief of a communications section of a B-25 Mitchell bomber squadron based on Corsica. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Plummer Burkholder, former Allentonians who recently moved to Easton. He is the wearer of the Distinguished Unit badge for honors in fighting in Sicily and Tunisia and the Bronze Star for heroism in military operations during D-Day landings.

Third of the trio, Corporal Ambrose N. Serfass, of Slatington, is serving with the Seventh Army Combat Engineers in eastern France. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Nathaniel Serfass, of Palmerton. On November 27, 1944, he was wounded in action in Germany, two months after his arrival overseas. His brother, Milton Serfass, was killed in action in France on July 11, 1944. Two other brothers, Irwin and Stanley, are on overseas duty.

Recordings of these interviews, which were received late yesterday, will replace the weekly roundup of servicemen's news presented by Bob Wetzell, WSAN newscaster.

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