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### Three Local Soldiers Help 5th Air Force In South Pacific

FIFTH AIR FORCE, Philippines—  
Three Bethlehem men are holding  
vital jobs which have made it pos-  
sible for pilots of the Fifth Air Force  
Fighter Command to shoot down  
more than 2500 enemy planes in aer-  
ial combat.

Sergeant Ernest G. Harpel, 176  
Washington Avenue; Corporal Clar-  
ence D. Kemmerer, 2741 Easton  
Avenue; and Private First Class Er-  
nest Fartely, 556 Hillside Avenue,  
are technicians in a signal aircraft  
warning unit. It is their responsi-  
bility to assist in detecting the ap-  
proach of enemy planes. Their at-  
tentiveness and constant vigilance  
enable the American interceptors to  
be up there waiting when the Japs  
pay their visits.

All three men are authorized to  
wear the Asiatic Pacific ribbon with  
two battle stars and the Philippine  
Liberation Ribbon with one star.

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