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**Two Local Soldiers,
Commended by Spaatz,
Back in States**

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Two Bethlehem G. I.'s, members of construction and maintenance units whose work in France, Belgium, Holland and Germany merited them commendations from Lt. General Carl A. Spaatz, Lt. General James Doolittle and Brigadier General Elliot Roosevelt, as well as the Meritorious Service Plaque, are back in the States.

Pfc. Robert E. Stauffer, 224 Wall Street, is a member of a station complement squadron which maintained and operated one of the busiest tactical air fields in Europe during the war, is at Camp Detroit in the Assembly Area Command. His squadron operated in Belgium during the Battle of the Bulge, and averaged 60 plane movements per day. They also formed emergency rescue crews to assist in helping wounded civilians and prevent fires during the flying-bomb siege of Liege.

Sgt. Stephen Talaber, 617 Hayes Street, with an Army Engineer construction battalion which built 12 highway and 27 railroad bridges in Europe, arrived at Camp Chicago, near Reims, recently. His outfit set a record when it erected five railroad and two highway bridges over the Meuse, then set another precedent by twice bridging the Rhine River while being bombed, shelled, and strafed round the clock.

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