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#### BACK TO THE FARM

Back to the farm for a while goes Peter Bednarchek, private first class, U. S. Marine Corps, honorably discharged on disability March 18 after action in the Solomon Islands and Guadalcanal. Bednarchek is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Bednarchek, of Easton R. D. 3, vicinity of Butztown.

Seven months of action in the South Pacific were climaxed when the ship on which he was being evacuated from Guadalcanal was torpedoed. He lost some souvenirs, a Jap watch, shoes, rifle and bayonet, but survived to spend four months in a Naval hospital on Mare Island in San Francisco Bay suffering with shell shock and from having swallowed a good deal of salt water when thrown into the Pacific as his ship went down.

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PETER BEDMARCHEK

Bednarchek enlisted in the Marines September 12, 1940, took his "boot training" at Parris Island, S. C., was sent to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba from December 21, 1940 to April 17, 1941, then to New River, N. C., thence to an embarkation point on the West Coast and shipped to the South Pacific. There he met and fought the Japs and, as he said, "had everything in the book thrown at him."

Although he offered to return to service upon discharge from the hospital, he was told to "go home and rest up" a while, so he will do a little farming and after a bit take a whirl at war industry work. He formerly was employed by Frank Banko. Someday, he said, he may re-enlist.

A brother, Joseph, 20, is a private in the Anti-Aircraft, specializing in radio. He has been in the Army just two months and is at Camp Edwards, Mass. A brother-in-law, Joseph Tadayekix, is a private in the U. S. Army Signal Corps at Camp Crowder, Mo.

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