

Skrovanek, Otto J.

## Three Local Airmen With AAF In Italy

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The Fifteenth AAF in Italy has rounded up quite a few local boys and from the following reports, they have the situation well in hand.

Sgt. Otto J. Skrovanek, son of Mr. and Mrs. Anton Skrovanek, 203 North Jordan Street, Allentown, an aerial gunner serving with a B-24 Liberator heavy bomber group, recently participated in the century mark in missions for the group of which he is a member. Sgt. Skrovanek has taken part in several combat missions over Southern Europe and has seen action over Italy, Germany, Austria, Hungary, Rumania, Poland and Yugoslavia.

He is a graduate of Allentown High School and was employed by Roller Smith and Company when he enlisted in the Army Air Force, Nov. 9, 1942. He has been serving overseas since September of this year.

Cpl. William E. Zimpfer, 19, tail gunner on a B-17 Flying Fortress, has been assigned to overseas combat duty with the 15th AAF. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Zimpfer, reside at 745 Front Street, Hellertown.

Cpl. Zimpfer, an employe of Bethlehem Steel Company prior to his entrance into the armed forces in December, 1943, received his aerial gunner's wings at Kingman Army Air Base, Kingman, Ariz., in June, 1944.

Second Lieutenant Vernon P. Albert, 24, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter E. Albert, Bethlehem, R. D. 4, recently arrived overseas to this Air Group as a combat pilot.

Lt. Albert graduated from Bethlehem High School and Moravian College where he received his B. S. degree in 1943. He entered the service as a private in August, 1942, and won his pilot's wings and bars at George Field, S. C., last August. His wife resides at 910 Ostrum Street.

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