

Conahan, P.J.

Meets 14 Bethlehem Lads in North Africa



The accompanying photograph was taken in North Africa and sent home by Pfc. P. J. Conahan, son of Dr. and Mrs. F. J. Conahan, 114 West Fourth Street. Shown in the picture are, top row left to right: John R. Snell, 1132 Arcadia Street; Morris A. Brunner, 250 East Union Boulevard; Francis J. Phillippi, 39 West Goepf Street; Martin E. Seifert, 225 East Ettwein Street; John Szy, R. D. 4; Joe Hepp, 536 Montclair Avenue; Michael J. Sedli, 1245 Otis Place. Middle row: Andrew E. Petrilla, 328 Atlantic Street; Stephen J. Donchez,

741 Laufer Avenue; Anthony Krasnal, R. D. 4; Joseph G. Semancik, 726 Hayes Street. Bottom row: Tony Martino, 826 Laufer Avenue; Patrick J. Conahan, 114 West Fourth Street; Louis E. Pengk, 931 East Mechanic Street.

The letter sent Pfc. P. J. Conahan to his parents included the above photograph. In part, it said: "While on the drill field a soldier called to me to look him up. I did so that evening and to my surprise Bethlehem boys came pouring in from all sides, 18 of them. I managed to round up 14 of

them the next day and took their picture. I am sending it home along with the film and the boys addresses so you can send a print to each of their homes. I got all the latest news from them because they each had a furlough before coming over here and just arrived recently. It sure was a treat to see them."

Pfc. Conahan is in Africa since July, 1943, with the 386th Replacement Company of the Infantry. Yesterday his parents received word of his safe arrival in Italy.

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