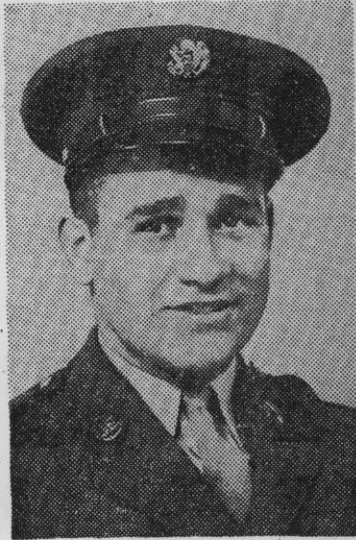


Achey, Mark!

### All in the Story



S-SGT. MARK ACHEY

SAILOR RICHARD ACHEY

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## Marine Has Close Shave With Japs

### Former Bethlehemite Hero of New Britain Episode — Story Has Ramifications

CAPE GLOUCESTER, NEW BRITAIN (Delayed) (INS)—Two adventurous Marines here are feeling something like the gent who crossed a stream by stepping on a log and turned to watch the "log" turn into an alligator.

First Sergeant Arthur F. Bartholomew, of 46 East Spruce Street, Bethlehem, Pa., and Private Charles A. Van Noy, of St. Paul, Minn., were patrolling ahead of their lines when they were stopped by a squeaked challenge in a foreign tongue and a burst of fire.

"We took cover," Bartholomew reported, "and tried to feel out their position. Pretty soon, though, our own mortar fire started to hit fairly close to our position. So we decided to get out of there."

The two Marines retired cautiously and rejoined their company. Later they returned to the area and found that they had been near more than 20 Japs—all of whom had been killed by the mortar fire.

Sgt. Bartholomew is married to the former Hilda Moser, niece of Mrs. Harvey Achey, 1010 North New Street, and is the father of two children, Donald 7, and Jackie 4. He has been in the Marine Corps 18 years and overseas for 2½ years. In a recent letter to his wife, who is residing at present with Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Bartholomew, near Chester, Pa., he hopes to be home on leave shortly.

Mrs. Achey, contacted at her home this morning, said that her "nephew-in-law" has received many decorations and honors during his long service.

The sergeant's wife is the former Hilda Moser, daughter of Morris and Bertha Moser, who lived at 119 East Elizabeth Avenue.

Turning conversation to two pictures on the wall, it turned out that the Achey's themselves have three sons in service. One, the eldest, Warren Theodore, 37, father of a three-months-old daughter, Judith Ann, left yesterday for training at the naval base at Sampson, N. Y.

The other two boys are Mark, 24, and Richard, 21, March 8, who met in England at Christmas time after long separation and had 5½ days together. Richard, in the Navy on convoy duty in the North Atlantic, was married last Saturday in the Chester home of the Theodore Bartholomews to Miss Lorretta Savinsky, of Chicago, Ill.

Mark has just been promoted to staff sergeant. He is in the armored forces and teaches gunnery "somewhere in England" to new men just across. He's been in service three years and is a regular correspondent with his family. He says he likes the army life but would much prefer to be at home in the "good old U. S. A."

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