

Walp, M.

# **Technician R. M. Walp Helps Establish Port Facilities At Anzio**

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**ALLIED FORCE HEADQUAR-**  
**TERS, Italy—Technician Fifth**  
Grade M. Walp, husband of Mrs.  
Doris I. Walp, 308 West Packer Ave-  
nue, Bethlehem, Pa., and son of Mr.  
and Mrs. Ralph E. Walp, Sr., 202  
Summit Street, Edwardsville, Pa., is  
a maintenance and repair man with  
the 488th Port Battalion which  
has served for 18 months overseas as  
a stevedoring unit for the Peninsu-  
lar Base Section of the Mediterra-  
nean Theater of Operations.

The battalion loaded and unload-  
ed thousands of ships with war ma-  
terial for the armies, often, as at  
Anzio, under bombing raids and  
German shellfire. In that time 26  
men have been killed in action and  
60 wounded.

Eighteen men were killed at Anzio  
when three ships which they were  
unloading were blasted by the Ger-  
mans. The unloading continued  
and at the end of 42 days the de-  
tachment had unloaded an average  
of 1,160 long tons daily.

Overseas 18 months, Corp. Walp  
wears the Mediterranean Theater  
Ribbon with two Battle Participa-  
tion Stars and has been awarded the  
Good Conduct Medal. He partici-  
pated in the invasion of Anzio.

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