

Votral, Anna

## Local Quartet Has Reunion In Jungles

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From "somewhere in the jungles" of the South Pacific where he has spent the past two years. Corporal Stephen Votral writes an interesting letter.

"Mail is the No. 1 morale builder, and beer holds the No. 2 spot", Corporal says.

He pays tribute to the Engineer Corps, claiming that this branch of service is never given the credit it deserves.

"They are doing a wonderful job, and we would be unable to operate without them. They are the fellows who build the airstrips, erect water tanks, construct roads, install pipe lines, and numerous other necessities that the man in the battle front needs. Many of these fellows are "bumped" off but the work continues.

The infantry drives the Nips deep into the jungles and in order to rub them out, these fighting men must have chow, water and heavy ammunition. These fellows don't let you down. Using jeeps and trucks the engineers keep the boys in the front lines well supplied, regardless of the dangers involved.

"The natives also help the boys

but travel through the dense jungles is slow and the quantity they are able to carry is limited. If the boys who are carrying the fight right to the heart of Japan had to depend on the natives, they would frequently be on scant rations.

"The Engineers clear the trails and then keep the jeeps and the trucks rolling, carrying all supplies and plenty of everything."

He is familiar with the happenings at home, being one of the many young men in distant lands who is receiving the Bethlehem Globe-Times. "I get the paper regularly and the boys in my outfit are anxious to read it also," he said.

A member of a paratroop unit, he has been in the service of his country for three years, two of which he spent on islands in the far off theatre of operations.

Recently he met a trio of Bethlehemites, Corporal Warren Steckel, Private Frank Bedics and Private Al. Werner, all of whom are serving

in the Engineer Corps.

A sister, Sergeant Anna Votral has been a member of the WAC's for

the past two years. She is presently stationed at Governor's Island, N. Y.

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