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**Two Local Men With
Airborne Fighters**

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Two boys from this area with the famed 82nd Airborne Division who fought 33 days without relief in Normandy are: Pvt. Joseph L. Labuda, 712 Atlantic Street, and Pvt. Ralph P. Bellesfield, 375 Chapel Street, Allentown. The soldiers of this parachute infantry regiment dropped over a wide area on D-Day and were unable to assemble as a tactical unit until the fourth day of the invasion. However, since this was accomplished the men fought 33 days without relief or replacements of any kind.

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