

Bournias, George E.

**Several Local Youths
With Important Army
Units In Italy** APR 17 1945

Advancing air and land forces are keeping the enemy busy in Italy and in many cases, Bethlehem veterans are playing a big part in the advancement.

With the 15th AAF now in Italy is Corporal George E. Bournias, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Bournias, 418 East Third Street. He is an aerial gunner and has been assigned to a veteran B-24 heavy bombardment group which has flown more than 170 bombing missions against the

Germans in southern Europe.

Also with the 15th is Technical Sergeant Leonard P. Mark, son of Anthony Mark, 1921 Kemmerer Street, who was recently awarded the Good Conduct Medal for having honorably served more than a year with a character and efficiency rating never below excellent. Mark has flown more than 45 combat missions against the enemy since he

arrived overseas last August. He is the holder of the Air Medal with two Oak Leaf clusters for meritorious achievement on aerial flights against the enemy.

With the Fifth Army is Private First Class Joseph Friedman, son of Helen Friedman, 844 Delaware Avenue, who has been cited by the 87th Mountain Regiment of the Tenth "Mountaineer" Division and awarded the Combat Infantryman Badge

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