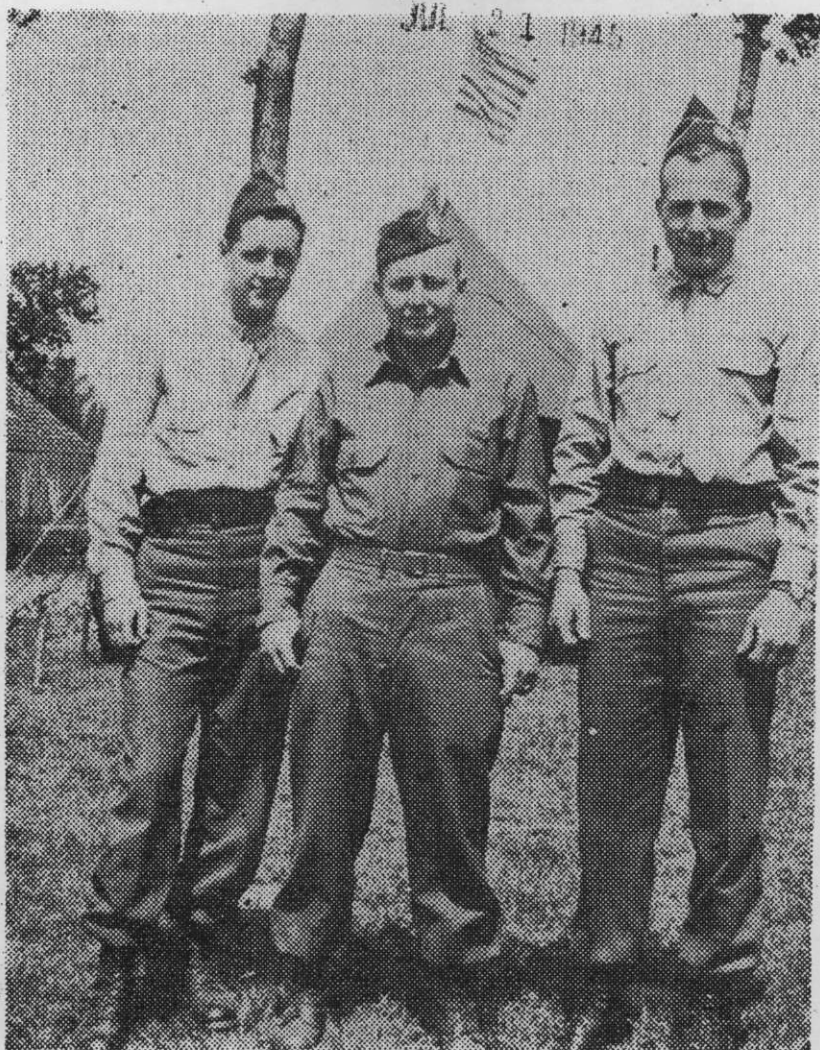


Hess, Ray

Three Pals Meet In France



The three smiling faces shown above are of three pals from Bethlehem who met in Toucy, France, recently. They are, left to right: Pfc. James W. Knowles, son of Mr. and Mrs. James C. Knowles, 409 Center Street; Staff Sgt. Joseph Ryan, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Ryan, 2227 Main Street, and Staff Sgt. Ray Hess, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Hess, 533 Dewberry Avenue.

Knowles and Hess are both members of the 517th Parachute Infantry and while watching a convoy of trucks of soldiers passing the barracks spied Ryan. Ryan, however, did not see his pals. Hess called Ryan's headquarters and made arrangements to meet him. Knowles and Hess arrived at Ryan's barracks soon after breakfast and they spent the morning in reminiscing and after mess at noon went out to see the sights. The boys in letters home to their respective families all said, "It was so good to see one another we went to town and painted it red." Ryan is a member of the Medical Corps.

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