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Roseio Youth At Work in Italy



Together in the Air Service Command since their meeting in April, 1942, at New Cumberland, three Pennsylvanians who form a sheet metal team with a XV Air Force Service Command Squadron, go to work on a B-17. Standing under the plane's gaping bomb-bay they are shown dismantling a flak-damaged bay door. Left to right are Staff Sergeant Mathew Corona, 32, La Belle; Staff Sergeant Fred A. Donatelli, 32, Roseto; and Sergeant Fred Babriziani, Newell.

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Fred Donatelli Member of Team Making Things Hot for Hitler

HEADQUARTERS, XV AIR FORCE SERVICE COMMAND—Here at an advanced air base in Italy three Pennsylvanians—all of Italian extraction—are on the same job with the same Air Service Squadron making things hot for Hitler. Appropriately enough these three products of America's melting pot democracy—Sergeants Corona, Fabriziani, Donatelli—are all sheet metal workers. Their assignment in this XV Air Force Service Command outfit that helps keep the famed Fifteenth Air Force flying is to repair the battle-damaged and flak riddled "skins" of heavy bombers.

In civilian life Staff Sergeant Mathew Corona was a warehouseman. Staff Sergeant Fred A. Donatelli was a contractor and the third

member of the team, Sergeant Fred Fabriziani, used to be a railway car inspector. Corona is 32, comes from La Belle and is a former student of Centerville High School. Sergeant Donatelli, also 32, is the son of Mrs. Anna Schiavone of Roseto. He attended the Bangor High School. Sergeant Fabriziani, 26, is the son of Mr. Frank Fabriziani, Newell. His wife resides at Charleroi.

The three Pennsylvania men met at Cumberland in April of 1942 and have worked together ever since.

"They're a good team," comments Captain E. C. Scott, West Hartford, Conn., squadron engineering officer. "I've watched them develop and they deserve high praise for a good job well done. They've put a lot of badly shot up planes back in the air."

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