

Rothrock, Robert R.

**Northampton Soldier
Coming Home After
27 Months Overseas**

LEYTE, Philippines—Cpl. Robert R. Rothrock, son of Mrs. Jennie Rothrock, 334 Howertown Road, Northampton, veteran of 27 months in the Pacific theater, is returning to the United States under provisions of the Army demobilization plan.

Cpl. Rothrock is a member of the 478th AAA (Automatic Weapons) Battalion which has participated in New Guinea, Samar, Leyte and Cebu campaigns.

The 478th Ack-Ack Battalion was activated in November 1943, at Camp Davis, N. C. The unit went overseas in September 1943. After four months intensive training in Townsville, Australia, the outfit moved to Finschafen, New Guinea, where it remained for one year. From February to July of 1945, the organization saw action in Samar, Leyte and Cebu provinces of the Philippines.

For their outstanding achievements in the Cebu campaign the unit was cited by Gen. Douglas MacArthur. The officers and men of the 478th were also cited for meritorious conduct in the Cebu campaign or operations by Major Gen. William Arnold, commander of the Americal Division.

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