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Area Soldiers With Army Recruiters

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With a goal of 70,000 volunteers, the Third Service Command has begun an all out drive to help build America's peacetime Army which will enable men overseas to return home.

To recruit men for the "Victory" Army in this area, the Third Service Command has established a recruiting station in Room 216, at the Post Office Building in Allentown, Penna. This station will take care of all volunteers in Lehigh and Northampton Counties. Eventually, sub-offices will be established in the larger towns in two counties, and personnel will make weekly visits to the smaller towns to answer inquiries from all prospective recruits.

The staff in the Allentown Office will consist of three officers and 11 enlisted men. Captain Louis R. Pickering of Lynn, Massachusetts has been appointed as commanding officer, and has already moved to Allentown with his wife.

T/Sgt. John L. Montgomery, Jr., is a former resident of Bethlehem, Penna., and at present resides in Allentown. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. John L. Montgomery, and is a brother of Col. Robert P. Montgomery, well-known local "Flying Ace," whose exploits in combat are well-known in this territory. Sgt. Montgomery was educated in the Bethlehem Schools and attended Allentown Preparatory School and New York University. He was assigned to Headquarters, Third Service Command in Baltimore before his local assignment.

Sgt. Carl D. Silfies lives with his wife and son in Bath. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Silfies and attended Nazareth High School. He was formerly assigned to the 95th Chemical Mortar Battalion of the 2nd Army at Camp Shelby, Mississippi. He wears the European Theatre of Operations ribbon with one battle star.

Cpl. Thomas H. Stauffer lives with his grandmother, Mrs. John E. Kocher in Nazareth. He graduated from Nazareth High School in 1941, and was formerly stationed with the 784th Armored Field Artillery Battalion at Camp Bowie, Texas.

Additional personnel will report to the office in the very near future. Hours in the new recruiting office will be from 9 until 12:30 on Saturdays.

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