

Son (Reserve) Bewley, Donald  
Father Bewley, L. V.  
Son Bewley, Robert

## Father And Son Meet On Normandy Front

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"The most wonderful thing that ever happened to us!", were the words used by 17-year-old Donald Bewley to describe the meeting of his father and brother somewhere in battle-scarred France

Lieutenant Colonel L. V. Bewley, 1454 Main Street, formerly head of the electrical engineering department of Lehigh University, was an officer in the Army Reserve Corps. In April 1943, he was called up for active duty in the artillery. At the completion of training at Fort Sill, Okla., Camp McCain, Miss., and Camp Miles Standish, Mass., he was shipped to Bristol, England, where he remained until July 30 of this year.

Pvt. Robert Bewley enlisted in the Army June 19, 1943. After 18 weeks at Fort Bragg, N. C., he shipped to Wales. On D-Day he left for France where he has remained since in as he terms it, "practically the same fox hole." Recently he celebrated his 19th birthday. Like his father he is serving in the artillery.

During all these months of war, the paths of father and son never crossed. But on July 30 when Lieut. Col. Bewley arrived in France, the first thing he did was to request

a brief leave in which to locate his son.

The search, starting at 10 a. m., lasted for 12 hours, progress of the Colonel's command car being extremely slow over the rough, broken country. The last mile consumed two hours, so close to the front had the Colonel come.

At 10 in the evening, Pvt. Bewley was found stationed in a deserted farmhouse. Father and son spent two hours together before each resumed his separate way.

It is these two hours of mutual joy that the Lieut. Col. was able to describe in a letter to his son, Donald Bewley, age 17, now in the Army Reserve Corps at Lehigh; and his wife, Mrs. L. V. Bewley, at present a medical patient at St. Luke's Hospital.

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