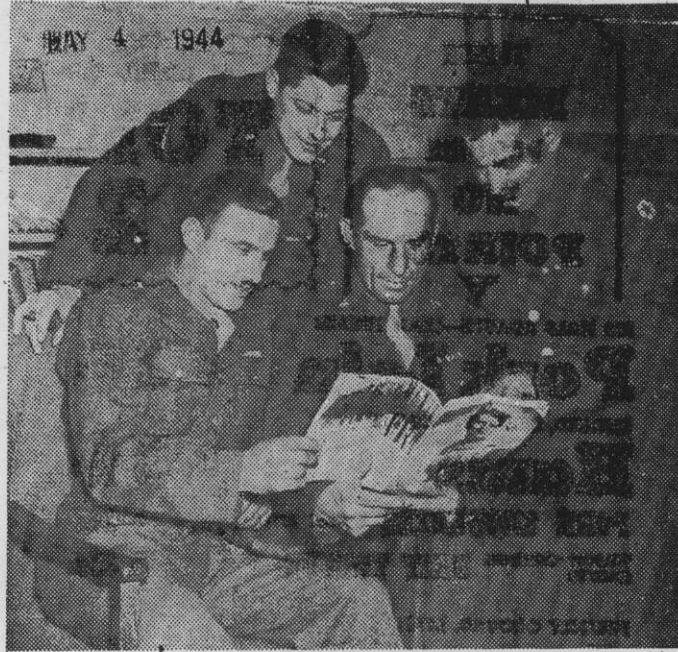


Family Album Stuff in Britain

Filingo, Philip



A NINTH AIR FORCE SERVICE COMMAND ADVANCE DEPOT, England—Family album; The servicemen's magazine distributed by citizens of Bangor, Pa., holds the interest of these Ninth Air Force Yanks, and rightfully enough, for they hail from the Slate Belt. Friends in civilian life, they were united in England at a Ninth Air Force Service Command advance depot. They are, left to right, Private First Class Philip L. (Dooley) Filingo, Private First Class Francis T. (Bud) Amy (standing), Corporal Pat Finelli and Private First Class Joseph Yannuzzi. Finelli lives in Roseto, the other three in Bangor.

Four Bangor Boys in England 9th Air Force Service Command

A NINTH AIR FORCE SERVICE COMMAND ADVANCED DEPOT, England—When you mention Pennsylvania at this Ninth Air Force Service Command Advanced Depot in England commanded by Colonel Clyde C. Harris, Jr., the conversation invariably gets around to Bangor. Four Yanks with hometown pride see to that.

The four are from that part of the state and are now stationed at this field. Three of them, Corporal Pat Finelli and Privates First Class Philip L. (Dooley) Filingo and Joseph Yannuzzi, members of a combat engineering unit, have been buddies since they took the Army oath back in April, 1942. Private First Class Francis T. (Bud) Amy, an Air Corps truck driver, was inducted at the same time but was separated from them shortly after arriving at the reception center at Camp Meade, Md.

The proverbial feather could have knocked the three engineers over when Amy walked into the base Red Cross club in which they were whiling away an idle evening.

"That fellow resembles Bud," remarked Filingo caustically.

"Yeh, could almost pass for his twin brother," drawled Finelli.

Yannuzzi, who was scanning a paper from home, glanced up half-interestedly. Then, in an excited outburst, shouted, "By golly, it is

Bud!"

Then followed a rousing happy reunion and the inevitable play-by-play recap of their adventures since they parted. The three engineers have acquired a definite British twang since their arrival overseas in the Summer of 1942. In their estimation, Amy still is a "Yankee rookie," having been in England "only" since the Summer of 1943.

Since that evening they've been together whenever the opportunity affords. They're using every free minute they have because none knows when they'll be split up again. With the invasion imminent, well, as Finelli remarked, "Maybe we'll meet the next time in Berlin."

The four were close friends before receiving their "neighbors' greetings."

Corporal Finelli, '39, was tossing gladiators around as a wrestler before his talent was recruited for the match with Hitler. The son of Mrs. Mary Finelli, of Main Street in nearby Roseto, the former Lehigh Valley weight-lifting champ, was a

section hand for the Lackawanna Railroad before donning khaki.

The other three live in Bangor. Amy, 27, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Amy, of 135 North Fourth Street, was a driver for Griffin Brothers Truck Co. His wife is the former Edna Handelong. Filingo, 38, former employe for the Jackson Bangor quarry, is the son of Mrs. Grace Filingo, on Route 3. Yannuzzi, 30, was a carpenter for the Bethlehem Steel Company in Bethlehem before he was called to the colors. His father, Ralph Yannuzzi, lives on Route 1.