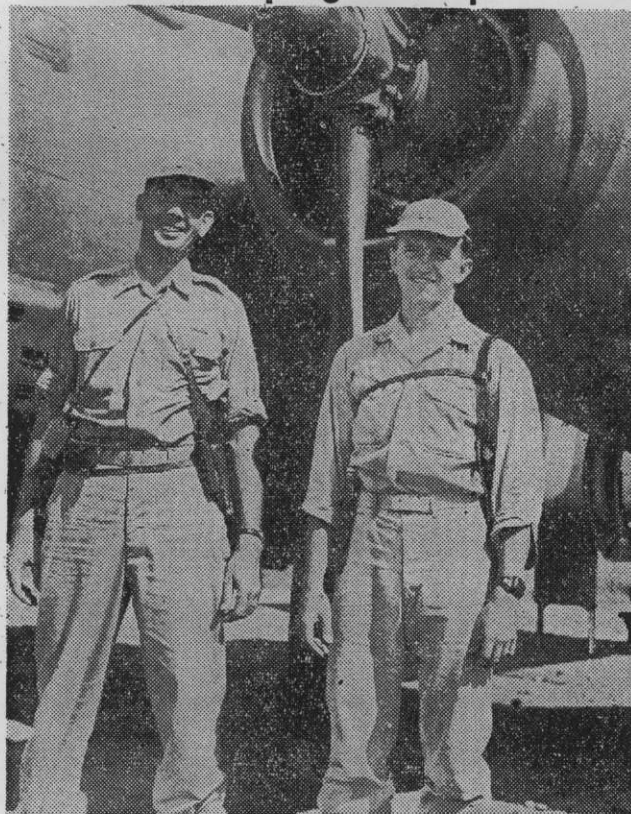


Team Up Against Japs

Latawiec, Frank!

Frank



Left to right: First Lieutenant Frank G. R. Latawiec, formerly of Bethlehem, and Capt. Michael F. Hochella of Bethlehem are carrying hometown war products right to the Jap's front door in the Southwest Pacific. As members of the Rough Raiders, a crack low level attack unit, they have flown on numerous missions against Jap strongholds.

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Bethlehem Pilots Give Japs Works

Plaster Enemy With Bombs Made Here, Dropped on Local-Made "Chutes"

Bethlehem is a triple threat town to the Japs in a certain "hot spot" section of the Southwest Pacific Area, where two Bethlehem Army pilots of the same unit are teamed up in the present Allied offensive.

It's a case of hometown boys carrying home town war products right into the front yard of the enemy. Capt. Michael F. Hochella, 22, son of M. A. Hochella, 410 Grandview Boulevard, Bethlehem, pilots a Mitchell bomber-strafer in The Rough Raiders, a crack low level attack outfit. Flying at his wing tip on most missions is First Lieutenant Frank G. R. Latawiec, 24, native of Bethlehem and graduate of Bethlehem High School.

The Bethlehem-made products are nestled in the bomb bays of their airplanes in the form of parafrog bombs, made with Bethlehem steel casings and wafted down on the Japs by use of Bethlehem parachutes made by the Laros Textile Mills. To carry the hometown theme further, both pilots formerly were employed by Bethlehem Steel Company. A graduate of Bethlehem High School, Capt. Hochella was well on his way to a B.S. degree at Moravian College when war interrupted his plans.

He won his wings at Moody, Ga. A flight leader with the Rough Raiders, he was promoted to captain a short time ago. He has a brother, Elwood M., who is an aviation cadet in Texas.

Lt. Latawiec, son of Mrs. Julius Latawiec of 4532 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, at present calls that city home also, having left Bethlehem to attend Villanova College. He formerly lived on Pennsylvania Avenue in Bethlehem and the two pilots were friends before the war. Lt. Latawiec has a brother, Joseph, a captain in the Army Quartermaster Corps.

Both Capt. Hochella and Lt. Latawiec have a considerable number of combat flying hours to their credit and have participated in recent devastating raids on Jap airdromes, which are crippling the enemy's air strength in the Southwest Pacific.

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