

## In Bataan Death March, Reunited Here



Liberation of the Philippines rescued these three local men from 40 months slave labor in Jap prison camp in which they were interned after the Death March on Bataan. Until last evening, when they casually met at the local Elks Club, they had not seen each other since they were freed. Pictured are, left to right: Cpl. Michael Barron, 337 South New Street; Sergeant Charles Horvath, Marine Corps, 821 Carlton Avenue, and Cpl. Joseph W. Filko, Springtown.

## 'Death March' Trio In Informal Reunion

### Two Bethlehemites, One Springtown Vet Captured at Corregidor, Meet in Elks

Three local servicemen, an inseparable trio during forty months' internment in a Japanese prison camp following their participation in the Death March of Bataan, had a happy, though unplanned, reunion last night at the Bethlehem Elks.

Sergeant Charles Horvath, 821 Carlton Avenue, Leatherneck with an armful of hash marks; Corporal Joseph Filko, Springtown, and Corporal Michael Barron, 337 South New Street, this city, hadn't had contact with each other since MacArthur's forces liberated them from Cabantuan Prison in Luzon, where they were interned following the fall of Corregidor and the now infamous Bataan death march in which they took part.

The three veterans, arrived recently in the states, came to the Elks last evening at different hours with friends and their jubilation was contagious as the import of their meeting spread through the club.

There is the dramatic story of the fall of Corregidor in May, 1942, their subsequent imprisonment on Luzon from which they were transferred to the Niagara prison, 5 B2 Sindai in North Hanchow, Japan; their having served as slave laborers in copper and coal mines and of their part in the Death March on Bataan. They have the highest praise for General Jonathan Wainwright and said that the men gained courage from his example.

Sergeant Horvath has eight years of service with the Marines. He plans to re-enlist and will make membership in the Marine Corps a career. Barron and Filko will return to civil pursuits when they complete their terminal furloughs.

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