

Laster, Max D.

Soldier Returns Money Belt, Wins Commendation

Pfc. Max D. Laster, 33, son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Laster, 308 West Broad Street, Bethlehem, stationed with an army infantry headquarters company somewhere in North Africa, has received a commendation from his adjutant, Lieut. Col. A. G. D. Michael L. Connors, it was reported here this morning by his parents.

He was commended for finding a money belt containing a considerable sum of money while he was at sea on the Atlantic and for promptly turning it in to troop headquarters. The belt was claimed and returned to its owner.



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Pfc. Laster's conduct in the matter was described by the adjutant as "praiseworthy and a fine example of the character of our soldiers."

He enlisted in the army about a year and three months ago. From Fort George G. Meade, Maryland, he was sent to Camp Pickett, Va., where he received his basic training and was advanced to the rank of private first class. He was shipped to the African theater of war from a New Jersey embarkation point.

Before his enlistment, he was manager of a New York City hotel. He was graduated from Liberty High School and attended Bethlehem schools. A native of Bethlehem, he is a member of Brith Shalom Community Center congregation here.

Indicating how well he is getting along with his associates, his family pointed out that one of his officers, Col. Robert R. Moore, flew to Washington, D. C., from the African war theater and while in

Washington mailed to Mr. and Mrs. Laster a letter from their son containing a number of snapshots.

Pfc. Laster has a brother, Sgt. William Laster, in service with the Army Air Corps in England. His brother-in-law, Pfc. Irving Goodfellow, is also in the army stationed at Camp Pickett.

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