

Kempfer, Joseph E.

## Capt. Kempfer Back After Long Service

Returning to Bethlehem this week after overseas service of more than forty months, Captain Joseph E. Kempfer, 424 Fifth Avenue, city, is on terminal leave and expects his discharge March 18.

Capt. Kempfer was constantly in the Pacific theater of war, going first to New Zealand in July 1942, only four months after he entered the service, holding the rank of 2nd Lt. He was later transferred to Australia and then sent on to New Guinea, following the advance of the American forces in their island by island progress.

While at New Guinea he received the rank of Captain and soon moved up with the American forces to Luzon and finally stationed at Manila soon after the conquest of that city. A few months later he was appointed to the battalion staff of the 720th Military Police and then moved on to Tokyo, assigned to the First Cavalry Division, arriving there September 11, 1945, before the American Army had officially taken over.

To return to the States, Capt. Kempfer was assigned to the Americal Division, boarded the "General Ernst" bound for Seattle, Washington, arriving at the western port on November 28. He was then sent to the separation center at Indiantown Gap, where he was placed on terminal leave.

At Harrisburg, he was joined by Mrs. Sara Mendsen Kempfer who had been in the employ of The Woodring-Roberts Corporation for the past ten years.

Captain Kempfer, prior to his entry into the service, was associated with the John Hancock Mutual Life Insurance Company. He is a member of the Kiwanis Club, and the Ex-O-Gram Club.

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