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## 22 Bethlehem Soldiers in Pacific Send Round Robin to Local Club

Twenty-two Bethlehem boys in an engineer construction battalion somewhere in New Guinea have written a letter expressing their gratitude to the folks on the home front.

The letter was received by John Griffiths, president of the Bethlehem Tobacco Club, and reads, in part, as follows:

"We, the fellows of Bethlehem, wish to express our gratitude to the president of the Tobacco Club for the splendid send-off we got when we first entered the service, and also for the gifts we received when departing from our furloughs in December.

"Such a great organization as the Tobacco Club could not exist without the co-operation of the citizens of Bethlehem, and this makes us proud of the fact that we are from Bethlehem.

"... we also wish to thank the Bethlehem Globe-Times for the splendid work it is doing in keeping all the men and women in service posted on the news.

"We sign off now as we are all busy men doing our best to end this war so that we can once again return to Bethlehem and live a happy normal life."

(Signed) The fellows of Bethlehem  
Sgt. Geza Gergar.

The letter was from the following: Sgt. Geza Gergar; Sgt. John Sabo, Sgt. Francis Minarik, T-5 George Karabin, T-5 Joseph Matus, T-5 Martin Takacs, T-4 Joseph Marcincin, Pfc. Francis Riccaboni.

Pvt. Stephen Pecsek, T-5 Edward Gawokowski, Pvt. John Mingora, S-Sgt. Leo Rooney, Sgt. Albert Yavorsky, Cpl. Joseph Havrila, T-5 Jack O'Donnell, T-5 John Yavorsky, T-5 Robert Kennedy, Pfc. Howard Michael, Pvt. Walter Helinsky, T-5 Cyril Pramick, Pvt. Ernest Yanza, and Cpl. John Husser.

The club packed 150 kits at the Union Bank building last night. Those present were John Griffiths, William Toohey and W. Ziegenfus.

On Friday, July 21, boys from Local Board No. 1 will be presented with tobacco kits and Salvation Army lunch kits. On Friday, July 28, another contingent from Local Board No. 1 will receive kits. On July 24 boys of Local Boards No. 2 and 3 will be presented with kits upon leaving.

The club received a letter from Capt. William Silverman of the Medical Corps, U. S. Army, now stationed in Australia. Sigmund G. Kradi Jr., of the former Battery "C," 213th Regiment, also sent a letter of thanks.

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