

Csrenko, Stephen A.
Charles

Bethlehemite Tours With Marine Entertainers, 1944

SOMEWHERE IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC, (Delayed)—Touring the forward area of the South Pacific with an All-Marine entertainment group is Private First Class Stephen A. Csrenko, 21, of 1248 East Fourth Street, Bethlehem.

Csrenko, who has a brother, Charles Csrenko, 30, with a Seabee unit overseas, began his service career as an entertainer on the high seas. Since there was no planned entertainment for troops aboard a ship bound for a South Pacific base, the Bethlehem native, with 14 other Marines, took it upon themselves to provide some means of relaxation.

Thus "Pacific-Panics" was born. Four performances were given at sea, and ashore the show was given

before high ranking Army, Navy and Marine officials. Marine Brigadier General David L. S. Brewster deemed it good enough to remain intact and tour the forward area, providing entertainment for service men.

Csrenko, who plays a guitar in the show, attended Tech High School in Bethlehem, where he played football and took part in school minstrel shows. He enlisted January 28, 1943.

In addition to his brother in the Navy, he has another, Frank Csrenko, Jr., 38, 2053 West Broad Street, Bethlehem.

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