

## G-I's From Area Discharged Under Army Deployment Plan

Second veteran of the 1,200 discharged Saturday at Fort Dix under the War Department's recently announced point system was Pvt. Thomas J. Balum, 24, son of Mrs. Mary Balum, of Depot Street, Hellertown.

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Pvt. Balum was a member of Company B, 830th Engineering Aviation Battalion with the Ninth Air Force. He enlisted June 6, 1940 and embarked from Langley Field en route to Iceland, where he was stationed from August 6, 1941 to January 6, 1944. He was then sent to England, Normandy, France and Germany. He arrived in the United States March 4, 1945.

Graduated from Hellertown High School, he was a member of the CCC, at Grotts, Va. A brother, Staff Sgt. Joseph, is with the 17th Airborne Division. *Balum*

Another Hellertown soldier, Cpl. John F. Scholl, of 1049 Main Street, also received a discharge at Fort Dix on Saturday. He is expected to arrive home today or Tuesday. He was overseas 31 months, serving in the South Pacific.

Scholl was graduated from Hellertown High school and attended Muhlenberg college. He was employed as a shell inspector for the Bethlehem Steel Co. prior to his induction on May 6, 1941. Trained at Carlisle, he was sent to San Francisco, Calif., and then overseas to Australia and New Zealand where he was stationed for 31 months.

Additional men from this area discharged from Camp Dix include Private First Class John A. Kresge, 1134 Spring Street, Bethlehem; Technician Fifth Grade John A. Czar, 864 Shields Street, Bethlehem; Sergeant Marcus C. Storm, 1072 Berwick Street, Easton; Technical Sergeant Earl M. Green, 111 West 27th Street, Northampton; Private First Class Charles Collier, Quakertown; Technician Fifth Grade Franklin P. Bare, Riegelsville; Master Sergeant Thomas C. Kennedy, 141 Grove Street, Morrisville.

Sergeant Storms is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Storms, of 1072

Berwick Street, Easton, member of the 11th Armored infantry battalion, which in 1944 fought through the Italian mountains as part of the Fifth army.

He wears the pre-Pearl Harbor ribbon, Good Conduct Medal, Combat Infantryman badge and the European Campaign ribbon with four bronze stars.

Storms entered the Army March 3, 1941, received training at Fort Knox, Ky., and Fort Dix, N. J., from where he was sent to Africa as a tank gunner. He was graduated from Easton High school in 1937. Before entering the Army he was employed at the Burstein brothers pocketbook factory.

Private First Class Kresge, son of City Patrolman and Mrs. Alvin Kresge, 1134 Spring Street, Bethlehem, entered the coast artillery April 1, 1941. He was inducted at Fort Meade and later trained at Fort Eustis. He also served six months at Fort Hancock, N. J. In December, 1941, he sailed for the Hawaiian islands where he spent 39 months.