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## 23 Bethlehem Soldiers Help to Repair Philippine War Damage

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Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, soldiers with the 153rd Engineer Construction Battalion in the Philippines are helping reconstruct the damages of war. Former employes of the Bethlehem Steel Corporation and others from this city, a total of 23 in Company "A," are now doing various jobs, such as caterpillar, crane and shovel operators, truck drivers, clerks, cooks and many others necessary to the operation of an army unit. The construction engineers are assigned tasks of building roads, warehouses, engineer depots, camp areas, ship's decks and other jobs equally important but too numerous to mention. A number of these men are non-commissioned officers, who aid officers in the supervision of construction jobs.

The 153rd Engineer Construction Battalion was activated April, 1943, in Fort Lewis, Washington. After a period of basic training the battalion moved to Oregon for three months' maneuvers. Having been two years in the service, one year of that spent in the southwest Pacific and Far East theaters of war, these men have proved themselves soldiers, worthy of all the recognition

and praise which only you on the home front can give them. The following are their names and addresses: 1st Sgt. Leo J. Rooney, 422 Carlton Street; T. Sgt. John W. Sabo, 923 Sullivan Street; Cpl. Robert Kennedy, 632 Broadway; Sgt. Francis Minarik, 463 Adams Street; Sgt. Cyril Pramick, 1031 Essex Street; Sgt. Albert Yavorsky and Cpl. John Yavorsky, 944 Sullivan Street; Cpl. Joseph Pelizoto, 514 Atlantic Street; Cpl. Howard Michael, 1042 Wyandotte Street; Cpl. John E. Hussel, 434 Carlton Street; Cpl. Joseph Harvilla, 719 Atlantic Street; Cpl. Ed Gawlikowski, 1609 Mechanic Street; Cpl. Geza Gergar, 413 Edwards Street; Cpl. Michael Goolsley, 713 Lynn Avenue; Cpl. George Karabin, 422 Selfridge Street; Cpl. Joseph Matus, 107 East Morton Street; Cpl. Martin Takacs, 737 East Sixth Street; Cpl. Ernest Yanzsa, 70 West Garrison Street; Pfc. John Mingora, 408 First Terrace Street; Pfc. Joseph Marcincin, 730 Atlantic Street; Pvt. Walter Helinsky, 831 Evans Street; Pvt. Stephen Pecsek, 924 East Fifth Street, and Cpl. John O'Donnell, 1205 East Fourth Street.

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