

Harvey Jr., Thomas

Local Man Among First Casualties in France



Think Wounded Soldier Shown In News Picture is Local Man

Among the scores of Bethlehem families anxiously awaiting word from the invasion front regarding casualties in the assault on Hitler's Europe is at least one family with reason to believe their son is among the wounded.

Mrs. Thomas Harvey, Sr., of 7 East Union Street, today appealed to The Globe-Times to ascertain if any casualty lists had been received since the invasion, declaring she and her husband, together with her daughters and daughter-in-law, had all recognized a picture published Friday evening as that of her son.

In the picture, one of the first to be received since the assault on continental Europe across the English Channel, are shown four wounded American soldiers, three with their heads swathed in bandages. The picture is re-printed today.

Mrs. Harvey told The Globe-Times that in her opinion, and the opinion of members of the family, the soldier seated third from the left, with his face partially covered by bandages, is Thomas Harvey, Jr., 30, a member of the U. S. Medical Corps.

Said Mrs. Harvey:

"I recognized the picture of my son immediately when I saw it Friday evening in The Globe-Times. I didn't say anything to Mr. Harvey, the boy's father, but when he came home from work on the late shift I asked if he wanted to see the first

invasion pictures.

"He immediately picked out 'Scotty,' that's what we call our son," continued Mrs. Harvey. "And besides that, our daughters and Tommy's wife, as well as some neighbors and friends all recognize him in the picture. It's our son, all right. His wife even recognized the way he held the cigarettes in his fingers," she added.

The photograph, released by the Signal Corps as a radiophoto and distributed by International Soundphoto, was one of several invasion pictures published Friday. It carried the explanatory line that the Americans as pictured had found shelter under a chalk cliff after storming the Nazi defenses and there received medical attention, food and cigarettes.

The Bethlehem soldiers entered the service Oct. 4, 1943, and received training at Greenville, Pa., and in Texas. He was home two months ago, April 22, before being sent out of the country. On the same day Mrs. Harvey recognized the picture, she received a V-mail letter from him, as did his wife, the former Helen Johns, who resides on Tilghman Street, Allentown.

Besides his parents and wife, he has three sisters, Mrs. Greta Miskivish, Catasauqua, and Mrs. William O'Hara, East 7th Street, both of whom recognized the picture, and a sister in Virginia.