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## 15 Bethlehem Veterans Due Home In Month

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LEYTE.—Fifteen Bethlehem servicemen of the veteran 534th Amphibian Tractor Battalion who served together through the battalions operations on Saipan, Tinian and Okinawa, will be on their way home soon when the unit returns to the United States next month.

Activated at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas, in May of 1943, the 534th Amphibian Tractor Battalion was sent overseas to Hawaii in February of 1944 and later entered combat in the Marianas campaign with the 2nd and 4th Marine Divisions. For outstanding performance in combat during the seizure of the Japanese-held Islands of Saipan and Tinian from June 15 to Aug. 1, 1944, valiantly storming the mighty fortifications and blasting the stubborn defenses of the enemy in an undeviating advance over perilously rugged terrain this battalion was awarded the Presidential Unit Citation.

Bethlehem servicemen in the 534th include:

Robert Stauffer, 453 Montclair

Ave.; Daniel Facchiano, 510 Pawnee St.; Louis Ottenberg, 215 West Eighth St.; Wallace Decrosta, 619 Ontario St.; Francis Blaner, 407 Stoneman St.; Paul Calvo, 610 East Third St.; Thomas Kametz, 521 Fillmore St.; Michael Walczar, 928 East Mechanic St.; Tomas Chovan, 422 Cherokee St.; Joseph DeLeo, 1155 East Fourth St.; Edward Hornak, 737 Hayes St.; Stephen Krenicky, 706 Atlantic St.; William Kuplen, 248 East North St.; Michael Troscak, 663 Atlantic St., and Edward Walko, 1284 East Fourth St.

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