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## Four Local GI's In France Await Return Home

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**WITH U. S. ARMY FORCES IN FRANCE**—Four men from Bethlehem, who entered the armed forces together in September, 1940 and who have remained together throughout the entire African and European campaigns have arrived at the Calas Staging Area, near Marseille, France. They are awaiting shipment back to the States on critical point scores.

Upon entering the Army together they were assigned to the 213th Anti-aircraft Regiment at Fort Wadsworth, Staten Island, New York. They are: Sgt. Robert S. Hyde, 314 West Broad Street, who has gathered 123 points; Pfc. Jack K. Heller, 618 Main Street, 116 points; Sgt. Eugene Matus, 107 East Morton Street, with 121 points; and S/Sgt. John Myers, Height's Rural Station, 116 points. Their combined total is 476 points, enough to get one extra soldier out.

In November, 1942, the foursome landed together at Casablanca, French Morocco with their unit which shortly afterward was at-

tached to the II Corps in Tunisia. Following the completion of the African campaign, they all embarked for Italy and participated in the invasion at Salerno. They received the arrowhead award for this invasion push.

They entered France at Marseille in November, 1944 where their unit was disbanded and made into a military police company to function chiefly in controlling military traffic. By the end of the war they had worked up and across the Rhine River into Germany.

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