

Frantz, Ronald W.

Vet at the Wheel

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WITH ARMY AIR FORCE
COMMAND IN ITALY — "If
anyone had told me I would be
operating a bulldozer," says Pri-
vate First Class Ronald W.
Frantz of Bethlehem, "I would-
n't have believed them." Never-
theless, that is what Pfc. Frantz
is doing, and he likes it. Frantz
entered the Army in February,
1943, and attended an Army
electrical course at New York
trade school where he received
his rating. Shipped overseas to
Italy he joined his present out-
fit and became interested in
heavy equipment. He soon
found that the unit was willing
to train a man if he showed an
interest in a certain job and

Frantz was interested and will-
ing to do the necessary work that
was required. Soon he was as-
signed as an assistant and now
handles his huge bulldozer like
a veteran. "My biggest thrill,"
he says, "was going in on the
invasion of southern France. Be-
ing a new member of my unit, I
was amazed at the work it could
do in a short time and how
necessary fighter fields are for
the Tactical Air Force when the
Infantry is on the move." In
civilian life, Frantz lived with
his folks, Mr. and Mrs. Ray A.
Frantz of 708 High Street,
Bethlehem, and was employed
by the Giant Food Fair as a
clerk and was graduated from
the Bethlehem High School.
Frantz wears three battle par-
ticipation stars on his European-
African-Middle East campaign
ribbon.

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