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Meet Aboard Ship



CPL. NORMAN CLEWELL



PFC. NED HOFFMAN

Battle fronts, mess halls and chapels have been the background for many happy reunions during this war, and to this strange list may be added the hospital ship. Corporal Norman Clewell assigned to a hospital ship transporting wounded from France to England, met his boyhood friend, Private First Class Ned Hoffman, one of the wounded, who suffered a leg injury while fighting with the Engineers in France. According to information received by Clewell's wife, of 614 North Main Street, Pfc. Hoffman, father of a three-year-old daughter, and Cpl. Clewell, father of a 16-month-old baby, had plenty to talk over. The meeting was the first for the two soldiers since their induction over two years ago. Corporal Norman Clewell was inducted in January, 1943, and sent to Valley Forge General Hospital, Phoenixville, to complete his basic training. He was stationed in Africa with a medical division for six months and has since been transporting wounded from Europe to the United States. Private First Class Hoffman was inducted in July, 1943, and sent to Camp Ellis, Ill., to complete his basic training. He has seen action in France and Luxembourg with the Engineering Corps. Both men are former employees of the Bethlehem Steel Company.

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