

Poniktera, Eddie!

Local GI's Enjoy Respite In France

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Three Bethlehem G. I's have returned to duty with the Army of Occupation after a ten-day furlough in Nice, France, internationally famed Mediterranean resort, now a vacation spot for American soldiers in Europe.

Guests of the Army, Pfc. Eddie Poniktera, truck driver with Headquarters Battery, 17th Field Artillery Battalion; Pfc. Leslie Siegfried, of the 38th Anti-Aircraft Artillery Group, and Pfc. John W. VanKeuren, halftruck driver with 68th Armored Field Artillery, 1st Armored Division, lived in fashionable hotels and received the attention formerly lavished on the Riviera's pre-war clientele.

In the Army 36 months, 12 of them spent overseas, Pfc. Poniktera has served in Great Britain, France, Belgium, Germany and Czechoslovakia, and is entitled to wear the ETO ribbon for campaigns on the continent. His outfit was awarded the French Unit Citation for joined action with French forces. At present he is stationed in Bavaria doing police duty. Before the war, Poniktera was employed as a painter by Bethlehem Steel Company, and lived with his parents, Mr. and

Mrs. Alex Poniktera, 1508 East Seventh St.

Pfc. Siegfried, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Siegfried, 2046 West Broad, is now stationed in Germany. He has been in the Army 29 months and overseas 12. Before entering the service, he worked in the Bethlehem Combustion Department.

Fifteen months in the Army and nine months overseas, Pfc. VanKeuren has served in Germany and has been awarded one battle star on his ETO ribbon. His unit earned a citation and is now occupying Gustavesburg, Germany. Pfc. VanKeuren is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. VanKeuren, 526 Thirteenth Ave.

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