

Geldon, Joseph

Holiday Meeting in Italy



JOHN FELKER • APR 28 1944 • LOUIS FELKER

Two Bethlehem brothers, encountering each other quite by chance on Easter Sunday in Italy were able to extend a chance encounter into a three-day leave together. The boys, Corporal Louis A. Felker of the Coast Artillery and F 1-c John Felker, of the U. S. Navy, are the sons of Mrs. Elizabeth Felker, of 1251 East Third Street, and this was their first meeting in a year and a half. According to the letter written home by John, he was engaged in unloading supplies when he encountered Louis, whose outfit was stationed nearby. Sympathetic officers granted each a three-day leave in which they were able to talk over old times and compare family notes. John also mentioned running into three other Bethlehem boys, Joseph Geldon of Ridge Street, Stephen Supanik of Laufer Avenue and Jimmie Taylor of Fountain Hill. He did not mention the names of a dozen other Bethlehem boys whom, he said he had run across. F. 1-c Felker has been in the Navy since July 1, 1943, and had been overseas only a few weeks when the encounter with his brother occurred. Corp. Felker has been in the Army 3½ years, having been a member of the 213th Field Artillery, comprised of Bethlehem boys. He has been overseas for the past 17 months and saw action at Salerno, Tunisia, Casino and other operations in the African theater of war. Another brother is also in the service, Alex Felker, a member of the Ordnance Department now located at Aberdeen, Md.

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