

Bitz, Maurice

Pen Argyl Soldier With Infantry Band

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WITH U. S. ARMY FORCES IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC—Pfc. Maurice Bitz of Pen Argyl, Pa., is doubling in brass in his assignment to the 147th Infantry at this South Pacific base.

Son of Mrs. Rosa Bitz, 25 Pen Argyl Street, Pen Argyl, he plays the trumpet in the regiment's "Pacific Vagabonds", as well as serving with a light machine gun section in a rifle company.

Graduate of Pen Argyl High School, Bitz attended Lehigh University at Bethlehem, in the class of '46. There he was a member of Beta Sigma chapter of Theta Chi, and the Pen Argyl male chorus.

Inducted into the Army on April 14, 1943, at Allentown, he received his basic training at Fort McClellan, Ala., joined the 147th Infantry in the South Pacific in February, 1944.

The "Pacific Vagabonds" play for enlisted men's and officers' dances, presents programs in regimental and battalion theater areas and at nearby hospitals, and visits neighboring units of both Army and Navy.

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