

### Veltman Comes Home

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Veltman of Talmage went to Kansas City Saturday to meet their son Bernard, who has just returned from three years of service in the European theater.

They took Becky Ann, Bernard's daughter, and Mr. and Mrs. Lee Carlsson of Salina, the parents of Bernard's wife, with Mrs. Bernard Veltman and her husband in Kansas City Thursday.

### Bronze Star Awarded to Bernard Veltman

T/4 Bernard A. Veltman, a veteran of two and a half years of war in Europe, was awarded the Bronze Star in Germany recently by his commanding officer for "heroic achievement in action."

The citation from Gen. Louis Craig, commanding the ninth infantry division, read: "It is a source of deepest satisfaction to me to present this recognition for

## Continue Fine Record

Although many of the American troops who took part in the invasion of France had never had actual battle experience, at least

one division, the Ninth, had made a fine record in Sicily before participating in the invasion of France.

A Dickinson county man, Sgt. B. A. Veltman, was with this division in Sicily and also in the spectacular dash across the Cherbourg peninsula, it has been learned. One group in Sergeant Veltman's outfit surprised the Germans so badly that they captured a squad of military policemen who had just arrived at a crossroads to direct retreating traffic to the south.

A colonel of the division called the fighting the nearest to jungle fighting he had seen. The men slept in their foxholes at night and did not wash or shave for days at a time.

Bernard A. Veltman

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